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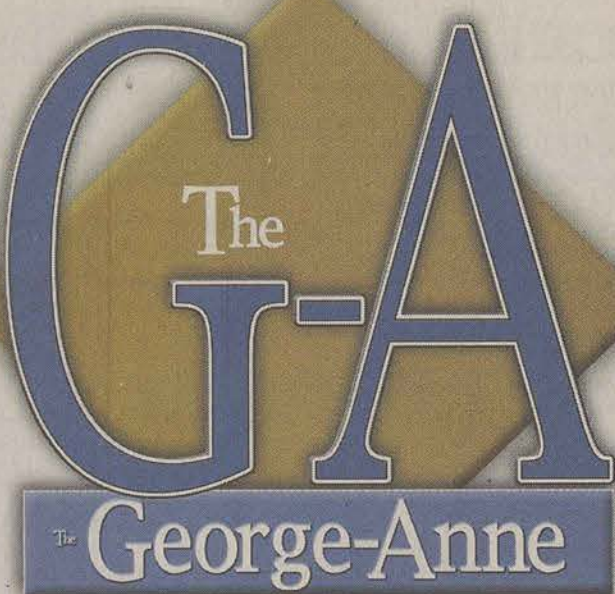


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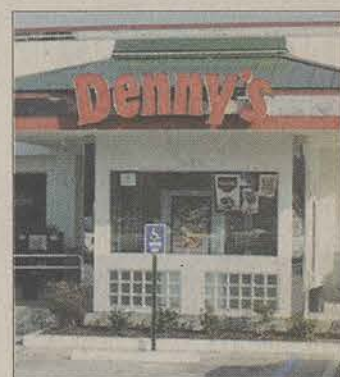


LIFE

Food served with '50s flair

Breakfast choices in Statesboro increase with the arrival of Denny's.

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Student affairs candidates, forums announced

By John Bryson
News Editor

GSU will be visited in January and February by the four finalists selected to succeed former Vice President of Student Affairs Jack Nolen. The candidates were selected by a search committee chaired by Vice President for Business and Finance Ronald Core.

Each of the candidates will visit the campus for two days, meeting with GSU President Bruce Grube, each of the vice presidents, the Dean's Council, senior student affairs administrators, and student leaders.

"We are very pleased with the caliber of applicants," Core said. "Our search committee did an excellent job in selecting these four candidates."

Notably absent from the list of finalists was acting Vice President of Student Affairs Melanie McClellan. According to McClellan, she did not apply for the position, but will remain at GSU.

"I am still the associate VP and I intend to return to my former position and assist the new vice president."

Each candidate will address an open forum for faculty, staff and students as part of the first day of the campus visit. The forums will be held in the Russell Union at 1:30 p.m. in meeting rooms on the second floor.

On January 24, Dr. Ronald Speier, assistant vice chancellor for student life and dean of students at East Carolina University, will hold his forum in Russell Union room 2080. The reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Center for Wildlife Education.

On January 27, Dr. Leroy Durant, vice president for student affairs at Jackson State University, will hold his forum in Russell Union room 2047. His reception will be held at 5 p.m. in the GSU museum.

On January 31, Dr. Lee E. Bird, vice president for student life and development at St. Cloud State University, will hold a forum in Russell Union room 2080. The reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Bird is currently an administrator at the former university of GSU President Grube.

On February 2, Dr. Douglas K. Lange, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, will hold a forum in Russell Union room 2084. The reception will be held at the Center for Wildlife Education at 4:30 p.m.

For those who are interested, the candidates credentials are available for review on reserve in the Henderson Library.

VPSA Candidate and Forum Information

January 24
Dr. Ronald Speier
January 27
Dr. Leroy Durant
January 31
Dr. Lee E. Bird
February 2
Dr. Douglas K. Lange

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On top of the world!

• GSU avenges last year's title game loss with 59-24 drubbing of Youngstown State

By Doug Kidd
Assistant Sports Editor

"I couldn't be prouder of our guys," said head coach Paul Johnson after GSU won its unprecedented fifth national championship. "A year ago we didn't play as well as we would have liked in this game and we made a commitment in the locker room that we were going to get back. I'm not sure if anybody realizes how tough it is to get back to the championship game. The players did everything that was asked of them all year."

And with that, it can be said, that 1999 wasn't exactly a new season but a continuation of the year before when Georgia Southern steam-rolled through the first fourteen games before stumbling against an underrated Massachusetts team in the championship game.

This season, however, GSU finished the season the way they wanted to. Dominating Youngstown State from the second quarter on, the Eagles finished off the Penguins in their typical '99 style: by compiling outrageous numbers on both the scoreboard and the stat sheet.

Before a mostly packed stadium of 20,052 at UTC's Finley Stadium, the GSU triple-option offense rolled to 59 points and 657 yards rushing, both records for a I-AA title game. Also in the blowout was another terrific outing from Adrian Peterson. The sophomore again showed why he's the best player in I-AA football, by rushing for a championship game record 247 yards while scoring three touchdowns despite not practicing the entire week preceding the championship game because of a foot injury. Included in Peterson's MVP day was a run that will be talked about for years. Midway through the second quarter, Peterson took off through the middle of the line while bouncing off several defenders before streaking down the sideline where he tossed another defender to the ground before finally coming to a stop.

Coming into the December 18 championship game, both Georgia Southern and Youngstown State were vying to become the first I-AA program to win five national championships. Billed as the "Team of the 80s" versus the "Team of the 90s", GSU was in



Sarah Trucksis

GREG HILL KICKS OFF CELEBRATION AFTER THE EAGLE'S WIN IN CHATTANOOGA

fact seeking it's second title of the 90s to go with its' titles from '85, '86, and '89.

The 1999 season will be remembered as the year that GSU regained its position atop I-AA. Despite the setback the year before against Massachusetts, the GSU players and coaching staff committed them-

selves to achieving their goal that had been set with that loss in the '98 title game. And despite a couple of setbacks during the 1999 regular season, the GSU program never lost sight of the goal set for themselves: to win the national championship and re-establish GSU as the premiere program in I-AA.

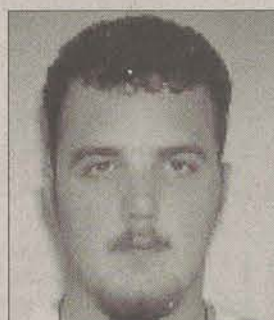
Bombing defendants to be sentenced Jan. 28

By John Bryson
News Editor

Four of the five defendants in the RAC bombing case face a sentencing hearing scheduled for January 28 in Bulloch County Superior Court, according to District Attorney Joe Martin. A fifth suspect, Matthew Foust, was cleared of any criminal wrongdoing by the district attorney and the Superior Court and the case against him was dismissed.

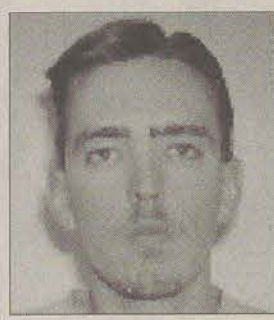
Last April, Michael Miller, 22, Shane McKevlin, 22, Jason Guest, 19, and Haley Berryman, 20, were implicated in a plot to burglarize Deal Hall after attempting to set off an explosive charge near the RAC building on Akins Boulevard. The bomb was intended to divert police attention while the robbery of Deal Hall took place. The GBI and GSU police arrested the defendants after electronic surveillance of the students showed evidence of them constructing the explosive device and recorded the device being placed with the fuse lit adjacent to the RAC building.

Michael Miller was the alleged mastermind of the plot and believed that an attempted burglary of Deal Hall was possible because a lot of



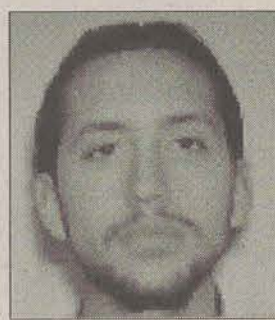
Michael Miller

Plea: Guilty
Possible sentence: 50 yrs.



Shane McKevlin

Plea: Guilty
Possible sentence: 50 yrs.



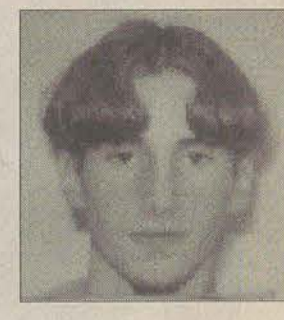
Jason Guest

Plea: Guilty
Possible sentence: 50 yrs.



Haley Berryman

Plea: Guilty
Possible sentence: 20 yrs.



Matthew Foust

All criminal charges dismissed

cash allegedly was in the building and it was not as secure as it should have been, according to GBI special agent Kilm Baker.

A subsequent failed cover up plot, allegedly hatched by Miller and Berryman, proved fruitless as the police were able to recover the materials used in the bomb-making scheme.

Jason Guest and Michael Miller plead guilty to two counts of possession/manufacturing and transportation of a destructive device and one count of conspiracy to commit burglary. The two device charges

stemmed from the two detonation incidents: one being the actual bomb placed at the RAC, and another test detonation held off highway 24 prior to the RAC incident.

Haley Berryman entered a plea of guilty to possession/manufacturing and transportation of a destructive device and conspiracy to commit burglary.

According to published reports, Berryman entered an Alford plea on the burglary charge. This allowed her to record her denial of participation in that crime while at the same time admitting that a jury could find

her guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. This type of plea is usually entered when a civil case is pending, but it will not affect the status of her criminal charge or guilty plea.

Shane McKevlin also plead guilty to conspiracy to commit burglary with an Alford plea.

On the original indictment, Miller, Guest and McKevlin were charged with possession of an explosive and destructive device with the knowledge and intent to kill or injure, but those charges were dismissed by the state. "We simply couldn't prove those charges," Martin said. "These

defendants, except for Berryman who is looking at about 20 years, could spend up to 50 years in prison," Martin added. "However, 50 years is probably a little too harsh." In addition, Martin also said that his office has not made any recommendation to the court on the sentencing of the defendants, calling any such action premature.

All four of the defendants were allowed first offender status as stipulations of their pleas, which means their criminal conviction records will be cleared following the successful completion of their sentences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing January 19

• **Concert** - Union Rotunda. Admission is free.
• **Staff Strategic Plan Forum** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.
• **Faculty Strategic Plan Forum** from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.
January 20
• **Student Strategic Plan Forum** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Union Room 2080.

• **Faculty Strategic Plan Forum** from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Union Room 2080.
• **Swing Dance** at 7:30 p.m. with Jet Set Six in the Union Ballroom. Admission is free.
• **Eagle Cinema** - "Double Jeopardy" at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Union Theater. Admission is \$1.
January 21
• **Eagle Cinema** - "Double Jeopardy" at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Union Theater. Admission is \$1.
• **Student vocal recital** at 8 p.m. at the Carter Recital Hall. Admission is free.

is free.
January 22
• **Basketball** - Eagles vs. The Citadel at 7:30 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse. Call ext. 0123 for tickets.
January 23
• **Wellness and nutrition** program at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Union Commons. Call ext. 1732 for more information.
January 24
• **Basketball** - Lady Eagles vs. Furman at 7 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse.

McCain and Bradley on the rise

Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. - John McCain and Bill Bradley have been picking up strength among women and independents in New Hampshire, new poll results show, giving them slight leads among likely voters as the campaign's first presidential primary nears.

The New Hampshire gains by Republican McCain and Democrat Bradley, who both trail nationally, have come as awareness of the 2000 campaign and candidates has risen in the past two months, according to a Dartmouth College-Associated Press poll.

More than four out of five in the January poll said they were paying at least some attention to the campaign, up from three-fourths in November. And those who had received a phone call or mail from a candidate's campaign rose 20 percentage points since November.

The poll Sunday suggested that McCain and Bradley also improved their standing with registered voters in their own parties in New Hampshire, which has its primary Feb. 1. Both Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the national Democratic and Re-

publican front-runners, respectively, had the advantage in a November Dartmouth-AP poll of New Hampshire voters.

In the latest poll, taken Jan. 9-12, McCain had 42 percent support to 33 percent for Bush in the Republican race; Bradley was at 49 percent to 43 percent for Gore.

The previous poll, conducted Oct. 31-Nov. 3, had Bush in the lead, 44 percent to 31 percent, and Gore had an edge over Bradley, 48 percent to 41 percent.

The margin of error for the sample of 518 likely voters in the Republican primary was 4.5 percentage points, while it was plus or minus 5 percentage points for the 418 likely voters in the Democratic primary.

Both the Republican and Democratic races are very close, with many New Hampshire polls showing a tilt toward McCain and Bradley, and others showing the races too close to call or with an edge for Bush and Gore.

The Dartmouth-AP poll disclosed some interesting dynamics in the races that have developed into tight contests

in both parties in New Hampshire.

The poll included 498 likely voters who were first contacted in early November and were reinterviewed from Jan. 9-12.

Among that group, one out of three Republicans and one in five Democrats had switched candidates. The differences were most pronounced among Republicans - with 80 percent of the switchers from Bush going to McCain, a senator from Arizona, and Bush getting 20 percent of former McCain supporters.

McCain pulled slightly ahead of Bush on the questions of who is perceived as most trustworthy and as providing the strongest leadership, according to the poll.

More than half of the Republican switchers were those who said they had been paying very little attention to the campaign.

"I think that basically McCain has been able to establish himself with voters," said Linda Fowler, a professor of government and director of Dartmouth's Rockefeller Center. "There have been a lot of debates, a lot of advertising, a lot of free media. People were responding to names, now they're responding to a more substantial picture of the candidates. Some candidates are converting people, and Bush isn't one of them."

Bradley's support among women is at 43 percent - 3 points behind Gore but up 10 points since November. He is up a bit less among independents.

This Week's Weather

Today

Mostly cloudy with a high of 62 and a low of 43.

Thursday

Scattered Showers with a high of 70 and a low of 44.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department January 11

• Rocio Lucario, 24, of 123 Hodges Circle #A, was charged with no proof of insurance.

• Andrew Pippin, 23, of 774 McCaskill Dr., Jackson, Ga., was charged with DUI, no proof of insurance, and adult seat belt.
• Kelli Sims, 19, of Statesboro Place Apt. #902, was charged with DUI.

January 10
• Larry Stewart, 23, of 117 Rucker Ln. Apt. #243B, was charged with financial transaction card fraud and forgery.

• Monte Johnson, 23, of 25 Pine St., was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, and possession of cocaine within 1000ft of housing project.

January 9
• Kenneth Willoughby, 20, of 2652 Alexander Place, Augusta, Ga., was charged with driving too fast for conditions, DUI, open container, and underage possession of alcohol.
• Jeffrey Johnson, 26, of 518 Wilma Brown Rd., Register, Ga., was charged with possession of cocaine.

• Henry Williams Jr., 28, of 204B W. Main St., was charged with giving false information.
January 8
• Amy Dewease, 21, of 723 Victoria Circle, Dublin, Ga., was charged with DUI and stop sign violation.

January 7
• Jakelle Savage, 18, of 1707 Chandler Rd. #12, was charged with being a wanted person.

• Tashawn Jones, 21, of 39 Little Lots Creek Apts., was charged with disorderly conduct.

• Felicia Davis, 19, of 369 Trout St., Midville, Ga., was charged with shoplifting.

• Jeremy Nail, 22, of 20551 Hwy. 80E Plan EST 39, was charged with DUI, open container, defective equipment, failure to use turn signal, and driving too fast for conditions.

• Jerry Jordan, 24, of 314B Jewell Dr., was charged with driving on suspended license, no proof of insurance, and expired tag.

January 6
• Latasha Smith, 26, of 4 Bay St., was charged with driving on suspended license and taillights required.

• Nathan Street, 22, of 104 Woodrow Circle, was charged with being a wanted person.

January 5
• Lawrence Sherrod, 18, of P.O. Box 522 Akins Circle, Brooklet, Ga., was charged with DUI and no proof of insurance.

January 3
• Jamie Lee, 21, of 1004 Old Dill Rd., Portal, Ga., was charged with driving on suspended license and defective headlights.

January 2
• Bryan Collins, 26, of 149 Brannen subdivision, of Metter, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine, and loitering.

January 1
• Derrick Mainer, 20, of 301N Lot 17 Curls Trailer Pk., was charged with carrying concealed weapon, possession of a firearm by felon, and possession of a firearm with alter mark.

• Tinika Kelly, 24, of Eagle Creek Apt. #17, was charged with battery.

**GSU Department of Public Safety
January 17**
• William Lorey, 18, of Winburn Hall, was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

• Amy Magill reported a pair of pants was missing from the Hendricks Hall laundry room.

January 15
• Charles Dargan, 26, of Darlington, S.C., was charged with public drunk.

January 14
• Tracy Jones reported a Gateway computer was missing from Room 1230 Hanner Fieldhouse.

• Patricia Bergmaier reported her wallet was missing from Room 1050 Williams Center.

• Janice Walker reported her wallet was missing from Room 1025 Humanities Building.

January 13
• Patricia Reinheimer and Martha Shriver reported their wallets were taken from the Carroll Building.

• Tequilla Sims and Ginger Salvino reported their wallets were taken from the Forest Drive Building.

January 10
• Maryann Manchuelle reported her purse was taken from Room 118 Newton Building.

• A fight was reported in the Kennedy Hall parking lot.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every issue of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

-All Police Beat information is compiled by Shawntineal Hughes, assistant news editor.

Teenage son of UGA professor slain

Associated Press

ATHENS, GA - Athens-Clarke County police have a suspect in custody, but officers are still gathering evidence in the killing of a 16-year-old high school student.

Michael Zenos Akin, 21, of Stockbridge was arrested late Friday in the killing of Arthur Middleton, a Cedar Shoals High School student and son of the head of the journalism department at the University of Georgia.

Middleton was found Thurs-

day night in his home. He had been killed by two shotgun blasts, police said.

Police still do not know whether Akin and Middleton knew each other, Sgt. Horace Fedrick said Sunday.

"We are still checking that out," he said.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry into the Middleton home, which police were told was usually unlocked. The home, next to the high school athletic fields, was a popular

hangout for teens during the day and night.

Akin has relatives in neighboring Oglethorpe County. Police believe he may have attended Oglethorpe County High School, but that has not been confirmed.

Arthur was the son of Melissa Moog and Kent Middleton, head of the print media department at the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia.

A memorial service was held Sunday at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

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Dryer repair job finds thousands of coins

The Associated Press

SHEBOYGAN — Paul Smitala hit the jackpot when he set out to repair his family's old clothes dryer. Thinking the broken machine, probably about 30 years old, might need a new belt, Smitala first tipped it on its side, and BINGO.

"Coins started flowing from the bottom faster than a nickel slot machine," Smitala said. "I lifted it up and could hear the rattling. I knew there was a lot more in there."

Coins came from the bottom and the air vent. Exactly \$248.19 according to his bank's count — dimes, quarters, pennies and half dollars. In all, 3,767 coins passed through the counter.

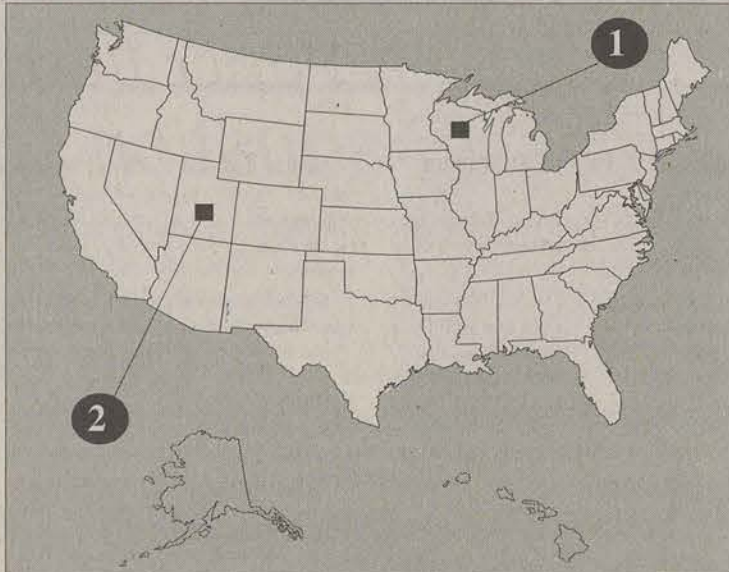
"I thought I'd have another (repair) bill," Smitala said. "But it looks like I made money on the deal."

He said he doesn't have any idea how the coins got into the machine.

There were no large openings in the drum and only slight gaps between rubber gaskets.

"The coins were everywhere in the machine. I guess they were weighing down the pulley to the drum. That's why the machine wouldn't work," he said.

Smitala and his wife, Lori, and children Megan, 7, and Samantha, 10, aren't arguing about where the



money came from. They're adding it to savings for a trip to Disneyland.

And they're pretty certain only a small percentage of the coins came from their own pockets.

The washer and dryer came with the house.

"When we first moved here two years ago we used to find coins in the globes of the light fixtures and even found a couple of dollars stashed in a pipe in the bathroom," Smitala said.

"Who knows. Maybe (the previous owner) stashed them there. Maybe he just never took the change out of his pockets," Smitala said.

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Thieves use backhoe to make off with ATM

The Associated Press

OGDEN—Some thorough

thieves stole a backhoe from a construction site and used it to make off with an automatic teller machine from a local credit union.

Police say the suspects used the tractor to pull up a free-standing ATM at the Weber Credit Union on Monday. They then towed the machine down the street.

"They ripped that thing right out of the ground," said Ogden police officer Troy Arrowsmith.

Though both the backhoe and machine were significantly damaged, the robbers could not get the ATM money vault open. Officials would not say how much money was in the machine when it was stolen, but none was missing when it was recovered.

Police were first notified that the machine had been stolen when an alarm attached to the ATM went off. Witnesses also called police after the bandits made off down the street.

Moderate drinking can be good for you

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Eric Rimm, a nutritional epidemiologist, has a drink with dinner most nights of the week. "To me, it's a part of a healthy lifestyle," said the Harvard School of Public Health associate professor, who has spent years studying the health effects of alcohol.

"There is overwhelming evidence to suggest that moderate alcohol consumption lowers the risk of heart disease," he said.

For middle-aged people, Rimm said, the benefit to the heart of moderate drinking — about a 25 percent drop in the risk of a heart attack — is equivalent to losing 30 pounds, exercising 30 minutes a day four times a week, or eating five servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Others are quick to point out the enormous social and medical cost of excessive drinking.

But many alcohol experts agree that people who drink moderately — one drink a day for women and up to two drinks for men — have a lower risk of heart attacks, the most common kind of stroke, and premature death in general. Moderate drinking seems to lessen the risk of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women.

There is some evidence that it reduces the chances of

developing adult-onset diabetes. Years of medical studies have made it clear that a glass of champagne could help many older revelers usher in a healthy new year. But the growing body of evidence that there's a positive side to demon rum has put doctors in a very uncomfortable spot.

Studies showing that moderate drinking is good for you routinely contain a strongly worded caveat that this information should not be taken as encouragement to drink. Consider this one from a *New England Journal of Medicine* study in November, showing that moderate drinking reduced the risk of stroke: "Any public health recommendation that emphasizes the positive aspects of alcohol would be likely ... to do more harm than good."

The problem, of course, is that alcohol is the classic double-edged sword. It might be good for you in small doses, but it's really bad in large ones. About 14 million Americans are problem drinkers. The government estimates that 100,000 people each year die from alcohol-related causes. In large amounts it can damage the heart, liver, brain, bones and sex organs. It causes some kinds of cancer. And it's a big factor in traffic accidents, murders, rapes and child abuse cases.



R.J. Pope

Traditional Menswear

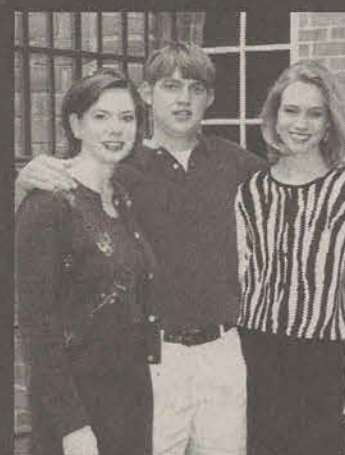
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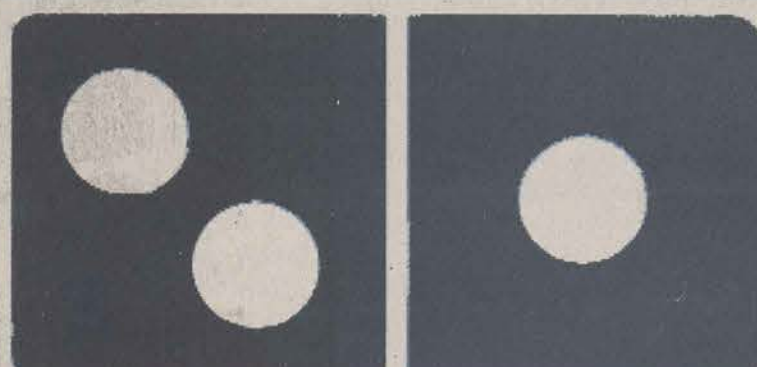
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Why have a mass graduation spring 2000?

The fall graduating class of 1999 was the last class to graduate with numerous, smaller ceremonies. This leaves the university to try it's hand at a mass graduation for the graduation class for spring of 2000.

Although the commencement ceremony for 850 in the fall went off without a hitch, the graduating class from the spring semester is much larger, around 12 to 13 hundred.

If those who attended the fall graduation thought the ceremony was long and tedious (announcing over 850 names), imagine if you will a ceremony involving 1,300 students.

This opens a myriad of interesting problems.

If the University decides to not announce all the names how does that make the students feel? All those graduating students who have paid thousands

of dollars to matriculate here leave without so much as at least name recognition.

were family members that came in for the graduation will be left out of the ceremony.

Our Opinion

And God forbid it rains.

The graduation is tentatively scheduled to be held at Paulson Stadium. The plans for a rain out is to move people to Hanner Fieldhouse.

All those without tickets that

If there is a big-name speaker planning to attend this graduation, why hasn't anyone heard who it may be?

It just seems unfair that the first class of 2000 will be the test case for a mass graduation.



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Playing God and changing the world in the next millenium

Like many of you, I spent the wee hours of January 1st a bit disappointed that neither terrorists nor God showed their faces. As the hype deflated from Sydney to Los Angeles, the realization hit me, we're not the crazy lunatics we make each other out to be after all.

Oh well, I thought, we can still pray for a techie wonder world of Big Brothers and super-mergeresque CEO dictators for next year—nothing says holiday like pending doom. Except of course color, because after all, that's holiday.

But wait, we still have one bag of super-controversy, Armageddon-bringing tricks left in cloning!

If you happen to watch the news channels ("The Daily Show" notwithstanding), you know there are only two things they all have on: Ads to buy their millennial shows (24 hours of fireworks, yeehaw!!), and debates between the Rev. John Doe versus Dr. John Doe, noted physicist/biologist/chemist on the legitimacy of cloning.

The argument against? Playing God. Granted, I'm not a theologian, but it seems both a bit arrogant and ignorant to claim that anyone, even the most accomplished cloner, plays God. I don't pretend to know the details of creation, or evolution, or how they intertwine, etc. But I do know Newton's basic laws of physics.

One of his brainstorms says that matter is neither created nor destroyed. In other words, cloning doesn't create something new, it just manipulates existing "stuff" into a new form. So this idea that scientists, via cloning, are "creating humans" is extremely erroneous.

If a carpenter can transform a bunch of wood into a table and set

of chairs does that make him the creator of the tree that the wood came from? Carl Sagan said it best, if one wishes to bake an apple pie from scratch they would first have to invent the universe (from nothing).

As for the arrogance that even proposes that one could "play God," it is obvious that it comes from a very weak understanding of what "God" is or does, or is

birthed from the same sort of power trip that brought on disasters like the Crusades and prohibition.

Worse, it assumes that everyone is operating from the same definition of God.

Take any major religion, Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, even Zoroastrianism, and you'll be hard pressed to find any two people that are in 100 percent agreement on EVERYTHING pertaining to that belief.

All that aside, the next year promise to be chock full of excitement, what with all the foreseeable "cloning clinic" bombings that are sure to spring up—but that'll just leave more parts to clone from.

What's a good Christian to do? Maybe use cloning to build super-Armies of Bible-toting, grenade-launching, C-4 planting militias. Man, this'll make Kosovo seem as tame as the Ryder Cup. And if you miss the action come next year, fear not. CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, etc., will all be selling the tapes, mugs, and t-shirts.

Me, I just can't wait to see an Old Navy Fleece commercial with, instead of twins, 1000 identical girls and guys—and just think what we can do with Magic!

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JUSTIN MILLER

Are we students at "Redneck U."?

Once upon a time I wrote a column about how I was treated at Appalachian State University when GSU lost to the Mountaineers 17-16. I wrote about the behavior exhibited at the game by the App. State crowd and how I hoped that GSU fans would conduct themselves with class and not behave that way.

Up until the playoffs, I believed that we did this.

I was proved wrong.

The first game against Northern Arizona was fine. I didn't really see any glimpse into the horrible future that lay before the GSU reputation.

But then we played UMass. I think that the players earned the yells of "Go home, Yankees." I don't think their fans did.

I think that was taking it over the line and was insulting to the families of the UMass players. This was the first real glimpse at how rude GSU fans could be.

Then Illinois State came to "Our

House." Then Illinois State fell very far behind. Students had been told for a week that the goalposts were theirs. The very athletic director of this university said that if we left the posts alone against UMass then the students could have them in the semifinals.

This was generous. But it wasn't our right to have them or our right to be on the field before the game was over.

We, as students, were wild and unruly. We never, ever should have been touching goalposts while the game was still going on. The police should have been there keeping us in the stands until the game was over.

I don't blame only the students. Security was horrible. The first goalposts went down with 19 seconds left in the game. Players were still on the field. Fortunately for us no one was hurt. What was unfair was that the seniors on the football

team were never honored after playing their last game at Paulson Stadium.

The police retaliated and the whole thing was a mess. The radio station bashed us and a bad taste was left in everyone's mouth.

But the behavior exhibited by GSU fans in Chattanooga was embarrassing. On the day that I should have been most proud to be an Eagle, I was wishing I had never transferred here.

Rushing the field was one thing. I rushed the field and got my picture taken with my favorite player Edmund Coley.

Tearing down goalposts was a completely different thing. This led to insulting police officers and destroying more property. Most people then left the game and Chattanooga. I was in Chattanooga for another week and it was all anyone could talk about. I was embarrassed.

The whole country has heard about the behavior of the GSU students. Notice I didn't say fans. They

are blaming it on the students. People are calling us rednecks. My dad in Virginia heard someone call us "Redneck U." Great!

Then the fans from Youngstown started complaining and rightly so. Before the game everyone picked on each other in fun. After the game GSU fans were yelling "Yankees go home" and calling Penguin fans losers.

I, for one, couldn't believe it. Hadn't it just been one year earlier when we went home the "losers"? How could we treat people that way knowing how it felt to be in their shoes?

I just wonder if anyone else feels that we went too far. And does anyone know how we can avoid behavior like this in the future without taking all the fun out of it? I personally don't want people thinking I attend Redneck University.

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STACEY WYSONG

The best things in life are still free

We've all heard the old adage, "The best things in life are free," but not very many of us can see the truth in this statement. That's because it hides behind millions of expensive, high-tech gadgets and our fast-paced lifestyles, which we have grown accustomed to.

We go from day-to-day worrying about how much an upgrade will cost on our computer, how we can get our hands on that great new stereo system, how we'll ever have enough money to afford all the clothes we'd love to have in our closets, and so on.

While computers, stereo systems and nice clothes are all great to have, we don't need this stuff. The sooner we realize this, the better off we could be.

There are so many things each of

us have that vastly improve our lives, and don't cost a cent. Take, for instance, friends. I am lucky to have some of the best people in the world surrounding me every day.

If we chose our friends wisely, there will always be someone there to help us out of a difficult situation, share a laugh with, watch old movies with, play a game of cards with and even throw back a few beers with. Friends make our lives run more smoothly and shape who we are by bringing out the best in us.

Need more evidence? Okay, how about the outdoors? There are a million and one things we can do outside that don't cost a penny. Go for a walk, dance in the rain, play Frisbee, walk your dog, go hiking, build a sand castle, have a picnic, pick wild-

flowers, fly a kite — and this list goes on, especially here in south Georgia where the weather is almost always beautiful. Get out and enjoy the fresh air. I promise it will make you realize there is so much more to life.

Then there's something we rarely think about — school. Yes, a college education can be exceedingly expensive, but here in Georgia we are lucky.

The HOPE Scholarship, for example, has helped me through almost five years of school. I am very grateful because without it, I wouldn't have been able to go on to college. If we really want to get a higher education for nothing, it's possible with a little bit of hard work.

Along the same line, there are college sporting events. GSU has 15 different sports, so we should have no problem finding one that appeals

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At any rate, when we have the time, we should take a step back from our hectic schedules and realize our lives are rich, even though our pockets may not be.

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Lamon remembered by co-workers

By Randy Dobson
Staff Writer

On January 1, 2000, the new year only a few hours old, Ryan Lamon, a Georgia Southern student, died in an automobile accident. The accident occurred at approximately 1:45 a.m. on County Road 146 near Golf Club Circle.

According to the police report, Lamon was traveling west on 146 when he lost control of the vehicle after traveling onto the shoulder of the road. The vehicle, a 1992 Mercedes 300E spun across both lanes and overturned several times into a ditch. Both Lamon, the driver, and a passenger, Craig "Kermit" Williams, were thrown from the car. Lamon was pronounced dead on the scene, and Williams was transported to Bulloch Memorial for treatment.

In addition to being a GSU student, Lamon, 28, was a manager at Buffalo's Cafe here in Statesboro. Lamon had been at Buffalo's for nearly five years, working his way from the kitchen, to waiting tables and bartending, before eventually being promoted to management.

The atmosphere at Buffalo's was different and the excitement usually felt at this local favorite hangout was missing. The "enthusiasm," said Heather Wilson, a friend and fellow employee for five years, was gone. "What a great guy," Tony Rutkiewicz, a fellow employee and close friend of Lamon's, said. "[Lamon] didn't mind helping anybody out...whenever he could. He always took care of everybody. He was just a good-hearted person."

Jennifer Howell, acting manager of Buffalo's, confided how Lamon had been "...nice, down to earth, was always in a good mood and would go out of his way to make others feel good, too."

All the Buffalo's employees interviewed about Lamon had difficulty talking in the emotionally charged atmosphere, but all spoke fondly of him, and tried to concentrate on the memories.

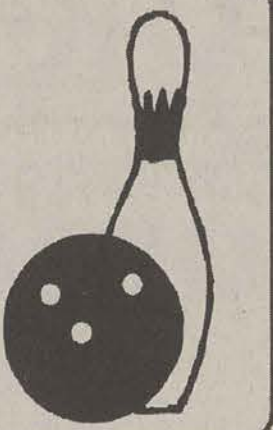
"That he was always quick with that smile," Wilson said. "That will be my lasting memory of Ryan, his smile and his eyes."

"His personality and sense of humor," Rutkiewicz said. "He could be

mad at the world, but would always find a way to make you smile." Buffalo's Cafe General Manager Roger Collier and his wife, Stacy, are due to welcome a son into this world on or about May 23, Lamon's birthday. What will be their lasting memory of a friend that died too young? His name. Mr. and Mrs. Collier have chosen to honor their friend by naming their expected son after him.



Ryan Lamon



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Denny's comes to the 'Boro



By Sam Siegel
A&E Editor

Denny's is a solid restaurant with a good selection, good food and good service.

This bastion of breakfast that only opened last month is a fine addition to the Statesboro palate, offering one of the largest menus in town. You can get breakfast, lunch or dinner at any hour of the day in this 50's style diner, which is attached to the Ramada Inn on South

Main Street.

I enjoyed my afternoon breakfast. It was exactly what I expected. There wasn't anything spectacular about the grub—normal bacon and eggs, but that is what should be expected from a chain known for its normal bacon and eggs.

Their skillet are fairly novel and diverse, and the lunch/dinner selection is ample.

The waitress was attentive, quick and friendly, the bacon was crisp and the eggs were light. The atmosphere is decent—not excessively loud, and the place was generally comfortable.

The price wasn't bad, either. You can easily get a large meal for under \$9.00 including a drink.

What may be this place's greatest advantage is its location. It is the only place downtown aside from Waffle House, better known as the greasiest place on earth, that serves food 24 hours a day. It is convenient to campus and most of the town. I was very satisfied.

The food is better and a little less expensive on average than Shoney's. It may not be the greatest place to take a date (your partner may not be very impressed), but it is a great place for the friendly gathering or a hearty family meal.

Especially if you are up all hours, I would recommend this place highly. Don't expect Ritz Carlton service or gourmet food, but do go to enjoy the robust munchies.



Sarah Trucksis

PEOPLE ENJOY THEIR EATS: one of many restaurants that has opened recently, Denny's will make a welcome addition to the Statesboro culinary community.

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Where all the cowboys went

The Single Guy

In many ways, I feel Hollywood has cheated us. For too many of us, when asked what we like in a girlfriend or boyfriend, we respond with Julia Roberts or Hugh Grant. Not that I have problems with dating an international movie star, but reality seems to tell me not to sell that farm quite yet.

When I think of my dream girl, I envision a tall, redheaded beauty with a great sense of humor who will love to be outside. But there seems to be a problem with my flawless girl. The problem is that I now have the unenviable task of trying to find one who wants to date a complete goofball.

And on the other side of the grass there seems to be the same problem. I was talking recently with a friend of mine who happened to be a girl. I set the simple question of what she was looking for. In between about five hundred "I don't know," she described someone sensitive, strong, and confident. Well, she at least went for personality traits. But I am

still convinced that while looks are not as important for girls they at least beef up the resumé.

Yet there is still a problem with both our ideas of what to expect. We are still looking across crowded rooms hoping to find the person of our dreams in hopes that they are dreaming of us. And the frightening thing is while most people don't know it they, too, are buying into this concept of trying to find the perfect person that is perfect for them.

By this point, I am confident that most people are ready to burn me in effigy, but before striking the matches let me show you some of my thinking on this matter.

First of all, let me say what I am not saying. I am not saying that you cannot find one person and be happy forever. In fact, I consider myself to be very optimistic on finding that one person to love forever. But being optimistic and being realistic are two entirely different things.

I am also not saying that those little lists inside of your heads are completely

useless. You know, those lists that describe the things you look for in a partner, but are really the qualities that you wish you had. Dating is not about finding your perfect match, but about finding someone who is willing to work with an ignorant person who is struggling to find their way in this crazy world.

These images are all just illusions. Do you think that the wonderful image of having my own personal Miss America will ever matter after three months of dating? Or that the sensitivity that my friend loves so much will last forever? For most of us, we need to realize that the sun has set, and the cowboy died long ago.

Now, I realize for a few of you I may have left you for dead. But not to worry, we can continue this topic on my new radio show *Him and Her: Discussions with the Single Guy* on 91.9 WVGS Mondays 12-1.

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BREAKDOWN

Royal Rumble 2000--A political pay-per-view event

By Michael Russo
Staff Writer

This Sunday, the World Wrestling Federation will host its first pay-per-view of the year. Because so much hangs in the balance for all those participating on the card, the Royal Rumble has always been entertaining and highly unpredictable. Keeping that in mind, it seems as though this year's extravaganza will be no different, or will it?

Thirty WWF Superstars will participate in an over-the-top battle royal where the winner will not only have the prestige of defeating 29 other men, but will have an opportunity to face the WWF Champion at WrestleMania 2000. Looking back at the past 13 WrestleMania's out of 15, every man who has walked into the main event as the challenger, has walked out the new WWF Champion. Will that be the case this year? Most likely. But who that individual will be is another question?

One safe bet would be the "People's Champion" The Rock. This young, charismatic fan favorite would make the main event at WrestleMania 2000 well worth the purchase. However, in this day and age of Sports Entertainment, unpredictability is the key to

keeping fans entertained. So...if The Rock were to win the battle royal this Sunday, the WWF creative team would fall into a situation where the event was predictable. On the reverse side however, there always has to be some element of predictability in any story: no matter who or how you're entertaining. With that being the case, one can only wonder which side of the story the creative team has chosen?

WrestleMania is known for making wrestlers in the main event stars. Whether or not that wrestler wins the WWF Title or not is irrelevant. Headlining a main event and giving it your all is enough. Now with Triple H defending his WWF Title against Cactus Jack, and Steve Austin in rehabilitation after his surgery this past Monday, there aren't any other Superstars that are considered "Main Eventers" other than The Rock. Therefore, if The Rock does not win the Royal Rumble this Sunday, then WWF fans could very well have a new "Main Eventer" in the works. And what better event to get that Superstar over then at the most prestigious event in Sports Entertainment.

Aside from the battle royal itself, "The Game" will defend his WWF

Title against Mick Foley's alter ego Cactus Jack. Again, what we have here is more politics. As everyone knows, Mick Foley will indeed retire some time this year. Does that make this former WWF Champion a candidate for another reign as champion? Maybe, but then again, maybe not. Professional wrestling is notorious for both helping those who help the business, as well as screwing over individuals who have dedicated their lives to the industry.

With that being said, you have to wonder which side the creative team will choose? Will it be a younger more vibrant Triple H, or a man who has given fans breathtaking matches, and has put his body on the line in each and every match he's participated in?

There is no question that there are a lot of politics involved in this year's Royal Rumble. And with WWF fans having very high expectations for this year's WrestleMania, one can only wonder what Vince McMahon and his creative team have in the works. What exactly that is is uncertain. What is for certain however, is that this Sunday's Royal Rumble will answer all of these questions and more.

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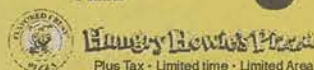
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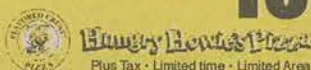
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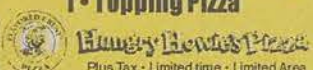
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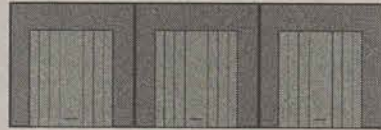


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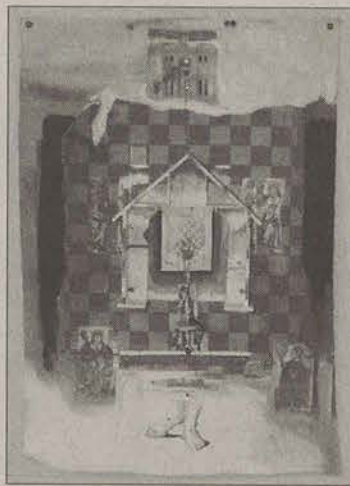
Gallery 303 has diverse, wonderful art

By Sam Siegel
A&E Editor

An eclectic and beautiful display of multi-media art opened on Friday in Georgia Southern's Gallery 303. The works shown include sculpture, painting and collage, and it was all done by alumni of the art department's MFA program.

Three of the most interesting works were "Tula," "Magic Garden" and "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" by Dixie Moore. These works involve vibrant, beautiful colors and graceful forms. "Tula" is a representation of a black woman, but in the work she transcends color to make a sensuously spiritual image. She is almost transparent, but definitely there. "Magic Garden" has the same sort of spirituality; it features a woman lying in a garden of bright reds and amazing greens, and there is the intrusion of a hand and a foreign pair of feet. Moore said that she created these by layering paper to create texture so that the work doesn't "lie flat on the page." The technique works.

Mariana Depetris created three beautiful prints



Sarah Trucksis

"Providence," a wall-hanging sculpture by Suzanne Ballentine.

Glass." They also have writing superimposed onto the prints; the piece called "My Bug Collection" features insects connected to Little's body.

Depetris said that these works are an attempt to get back to the romantic idea of the child—the perfect innocent. They are beautiful, and they

now hanging in the gallery. In her three pieces, she depicts children and their loss of innocence. The first piece, "Day at the Beach," shows the artist's little sister in her bathing suit, her father's hand holding her side. The little girl is now a writer in real life; her words overlap the young figure illustrating her entry into the real world.

The other two prints depict Alice Little, the object of Lewis Carroll's books "Alice In Wonderland" and "Through the Looking

make a wonderful statement.

Roger Finch's work is a little more concrete in form and a little less definite in purpose. Finch makes beautiful, very modern sculpture involving recycled machine parts used in new ways. These sculptures don't represent anything concrete, but they do have an interesting form that provokes the imagination to give them a function. The inanimate objects look like they are about to jump up and fly away.

There are many other creative and interesting pieces on display in Gallery 303, and they are all worthy of some attention. This work will be on display in Gallery 303 on the third floor of the Foy building on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until February 11. Admission is free, so enjoy the sights!



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"Grasping for Space," a sculpture by Tony Mann

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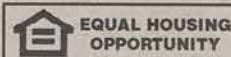
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Mark Mettler
Staff Writer

If by chance you found yourself around Sweet Heart Circle just outside the McCroan Theater Tuesday night between 7 and 10 p.m., you may have been curious as to the nervous milling about of students.

The first casting call for "Richard III" was underway. The theater production, scheduled for March 23-25 at McCroan Theater will have thirty-three male characters and four women characters.

A second casting call will be done tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. So, do you have the desire to participate in this epic story, written by William Shakespeare circa 1591?

All students are welcome to try out for this production that will be team directed by Gary Dartt, Jim Harbour and visiting professor Joe Jezewski of Alma College in Michigan. Rehearsals for the production will get underway beginning January 20 giving that assembly of chosen actors plenty of

time to learn their lines and relive those glory-filled days of yore.

Jim Harbour will play a cunning hunchback, Richard of Gloucester, who lays claim to the throne of King Edward IV despite having been specifically told that he has no rightful claim. This is a classic tale of deceit, greed, bloodlust, politics and the tragedy they lead to.

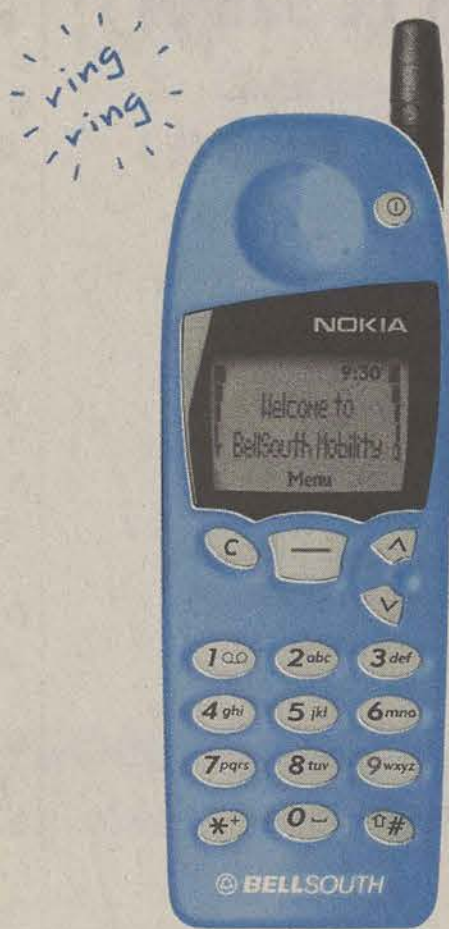
The two-hour production will be done from the original work of Shakespeare and completely in period costume, which will be designed and produced under the supervision of Brenda Dartt.

This production will need more than actors! Those interested in costuming or stagecraft are also invited to participate by volunteering to assist in the preparation of the costumes and set. The set will be designed and built under the supervision of Gary Dartt and Bill Fields. For more information on how you can participate in this grand production, contact Gary Dartt at 681-5138.



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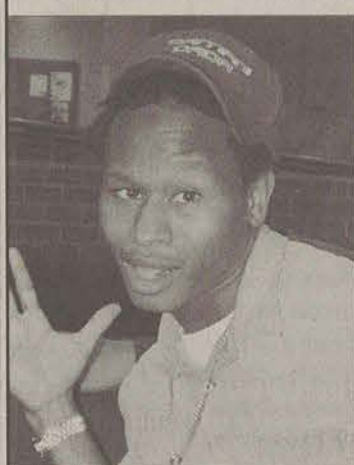
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GSU students were asked: What do you think about the new mass graduation?



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James Brown
senior, business major



"It doesn't make any sense. It seems like it would take forever."
Jennifer Moore
senior, marketing major



"I will take too long. You'll be there all day."
Angela Bush
junior, chemistry major



"I went to UGA's and I about died it was so long. What happens if it rains?"
Tanya Everson
freshman, psychology major



"It is going to stink because if you are last you are going to have to sit through the whole thing."
Jeff McCloud
freshman, business major



"I can see the good and the bad. I have participated in longer graduations before. They have had bigger, more prestigious speakers come. It could be a little rambunctious when the people at the front get their diploma."
Matthew Fallin
Associate director of bands

Photos by Sarah Trucks

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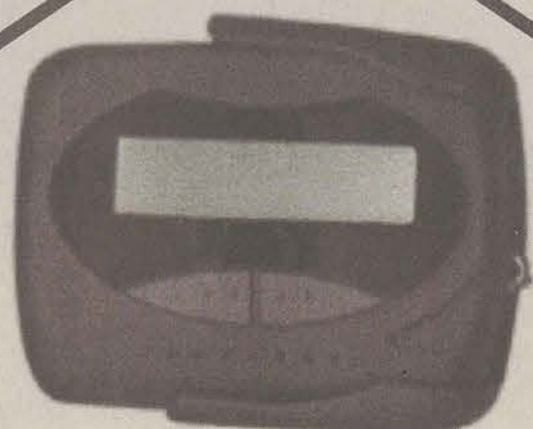


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'Live Flesh' to be shown in the Russell Union

G-A News Services

Cinema Arts will be showing "Carne Tremula" ("Live Flesh" in English) in the Union Theater on January 24 at 7:15 p.m. Pedro Almodovar, the most famous and exciting auteur of current European cinema, eclipses his previous achievements with this refined, deliciously exquisite, and certainly most mature work of his career. Like his earlier work, Live Flesh is about the incarnations of love and lust, but gone are his preoccupations

with sexual deviancy, his compulsion to shock and outrage, his melodramatic and cartoonish excesses. Starring Francesca Neri, Angela Molina, Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem and Libertor Rabal. "A fully realised work...a complex and moving film, that is beautiful to look at"—Sight and Sound. "The viewer's attention is riveted from beginning to end." Peter Brunette. 1997. 100 minutes. In Spanish with English subtitles. The cost is \$2.

The Flaming Lips advance creativity

By Tim Prizer
Staff Writer

Since the beginning of all music, there have been those artists who add elements to different works to try to make them sound different from previous works. These are the innovators, the radicals. Classical composers that come to mind that used this approach were Schoenberg and Berlioz. Old rock artists that succeeded in widening the musical spectrum include Elvis Presley and the Beatles. In the early 1990s it was Nirvana, the band that practically paved the way for what rock music has become today.

All of these artists have one thing in common. Half of the human population looked down on them, wondering what in the world they were trying to do, and the other half realized the brilliance in their creativity and bravery. As we have crossed over into the new millennium, it seems even more unlikely that any artist can come up with sounds that are completely non-derivative.

However, some bands are managing to create music that has yet to be discovered elsewhere. In their latest album, "The Soft Bulletin," the Flaming Lips have disregarded all boundaries that rock radio and MTV has set up to block so many bands from innovation and creativity.

Since 1983, the Flaming Lips (Wayne Coyne, Steven Drozd, and Michael Ivins) has been working to come up with different sounding tunes to change the face of rock music.

On this Warner Brothers 1999 release, the band has finally accomplished it. Using everything from strings and harps to flutes, drum machines, backward guitar loops, and even the sounds of crickets and refrigerators, "The Soft Bulletin"

is unlike anything ever captured on record.

There is no real word for this music, but perhaps the best description would be "dark" rock. Bands like Radiohead, Guided By Voices, Wilco, Pavement, and Built to Spill would be classified with the Flaming Lips, but none actually come close to what has been done on "The Soft Bulletin."

The Flaming Lips' music fades in and out on different levels of volume, and when the volume drops, the wall-rattling bass fires its way through the stereo mix on many of the album's 14 tracks.

The majority of the songs are simple stories, but when delved into, show the band's intricacy and undeniable intelligence. The Lips scorch on in absolute genius on songs like "Race for the Prize," a song about two scientists competing to save the

brains) by which we are able to experience the sensation of being in love is the same chemical that caused the 'Big Bang' that was the birth of the accelerating universe." Complex, huh?

The tune features a constant pulse in the background that continues into the haunting seventh track, a ghostly instrumental entitled "The Observer."

A few of the songs, "The Observer" included, are not just dark, but down right frightening.

"Suddenly Everything Has Changed" sounds like it has a full symphony of ghosts slowly sawing on their violins, and a voice choir chanting spookily in an abandoned cathedral. Not only that, but the band writes that this one is about "Death anxiety caused by moments of boredom."

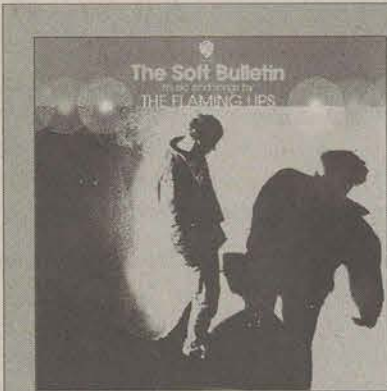
A song claimed to be "A battle hymn for the wounded mathematician," entitled "The Gash," is another eerie song. This one begins with silence and then the whispered vocals of the battle drum roll that continues throughout the tune's four minutes.

"Waitin' for a Superman" is probably the best song released in any genre of music in the last

year, and possibly one of the best songs of the decade. The song seems to be dealing with the feeling of depression and loss of hope.

Wayne Coyne sings in this incredible song, "Tell everybody waitin' on a superman that they should try to hold on best they can/He hasn't dropped them, forgot them or anything/It's just too heavy for a superman to lift."

The complexity of "The Soft Bulletin" by the Flaming Lips may be a little much at first listen, but keep spinning the disc. It went through like screen doors on a submarine the first time I heard it. However, it is now one of my favorite albums of all time. With the right mindset, this album becomes dangerously addictive.



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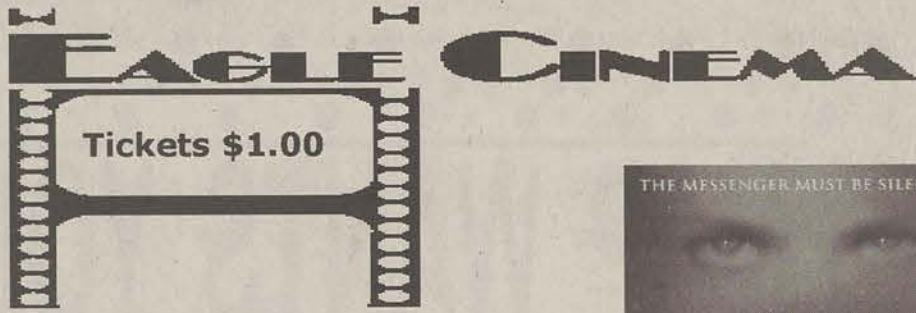
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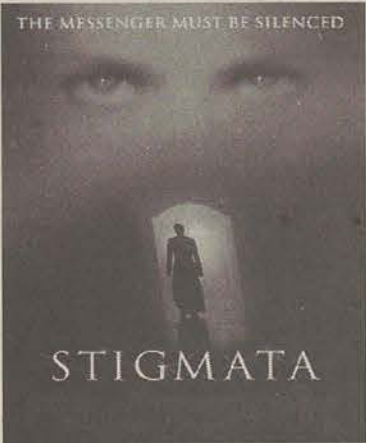
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Fri., Jan. 21	Double Jeopardy	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 22	Double Jeopardy	7:00 pm
Thur., Jan. 27	Stigmata	8:00 pm
Fri., Jan. 28	Stigmata	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 29	Stigmata	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm

February

Thur., Feb. 3	Fight Club	8:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 4	Fight Club	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 5	Fight Club	7:00 pm
Thur., Feb. 10	Random Hearts	8:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 11	Random Hearts	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
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Sat., Feb. 19	The Bachelor	7:00 pm
Thur., Feb. 24	The Best Man	8:00 pm
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Sat., Feb. 26	The Best Man	3:00 pm & 5:30 pm

March

Thur., Mar. 2	The World Is Not Enough	8:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 3	The World Is Not Enough	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
Sat., Mar. 4	The World Is Not Enough	5:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Thur., Mar. 23	Deuce Bigalow	5:30 pm & 8:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 24	Deuce Bigalow	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
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April

Thur., Apr. 6	End of Days	8:00 pm
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Fri., Apr. 28	TBA	7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
Sat., Apr. 29	TBA	7:00 pm

Paul Johnson earns GTE/ American Football Coaches honors

By Doug Kidd
Assistant Sports Editor

For the third consecutive season GSU Head Coach Paul Johnson has been awarded a top I-AA coaching honor, this time earning the 1999 GTE/American Football Coaches Association NCAA Division I-AA Coach-of-the-Year Award.

Johnson, who has compiled a 37-6 record during his three year tenure at Georgia Southern, earned the *American Football Quarterly's* coaching selection in 1997 after leading GSU to a 10-3 record and a play-off appearance in only his first season. Last year, Johnson earned *The*

Sporting Network's Eddie Robinson Award after guiding the Eagles to a 14-1 record and national runner-up finish.

This season Johnson led GSU to a 13-2 record and the program's fifth NCAA I-AA national championship. Also, GSU captured a piece of the Southern Conference championship for the third straight year while also topping I-AA in three statistical categories—scoring offense (50.0 ppg), rushing offense (419.0 ypg) and total offense (551.7 ypg).

Since Johnson's arrival to Statesboro in 1997, GSU has broken or tied 328 records, including an

amazing 197 team and individual marks in 1999.

Joining Johnson as AFCA coaches-of-the-year are: Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech, Mel Tjeerdsmas of Northwest Missouri State and Frosty Westering of Pacific Lutheran.

For their accomplishments, this year's winners will serve as assistants in the 2000 Hula Bowl. The college all-star game, being shown live on ESPN Saturday, January 22nd at 3:30 pm, will allow Johnson and Westering to join the South squad led by Tennessee head coach Phil Fulmer and Dick Tomey of Arizona.

Eagles fall to SoCon champs

•GSU unable to upset College of Charleston

By Bilal Malik
Staff Writer

Coming off a loss at Wofford, the GSU Eagles (8-8, 2-3) faced a difficult challenge Monday night playing the number one team in the Southern Conference, the College of Charleston Cougars (11-3, 3-1).

The Cougars showcased why they were number one by defeating GSU 82-68.

The score may indicate that it was a easy victory for the Cougars, but the Eagles played tough as forward Kashien Latham pulled down 13 rebounds and added 13 points while his counterpart forward Hamp Jones grabbed 15 rebounds and scored 15 points.

The first half started off as a defensive battle as the eagles led 16-15 with 11:24 remaining in the game, however the Eagles would never regain the lead after the Cougars disrupted the Eagles tempo with a tenacious full court press.

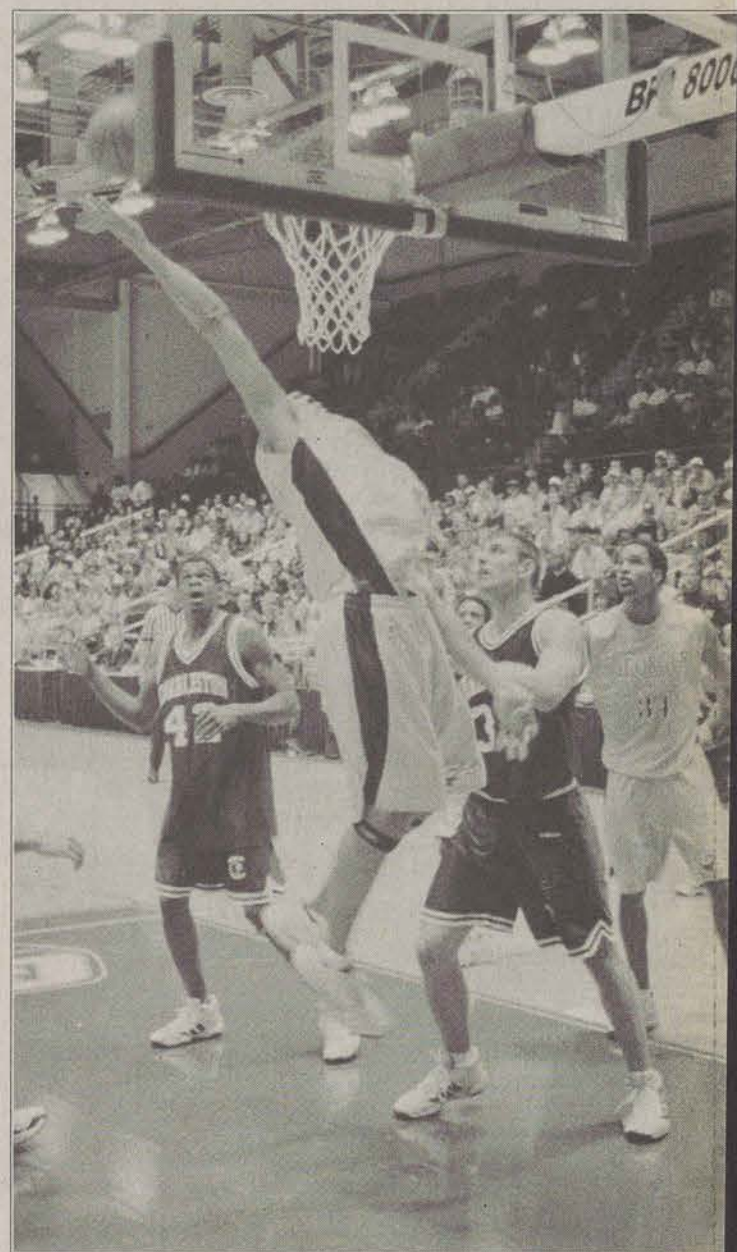
The full court press kept the Eagles from scoring, allowing the Cougars to pull away to a commanding 38-28 lead to close the half.

Demario Slocum played strong off the bench with eight points and two rebounds.

The Eagles came out in the second half with a fullcourt press of their own cutting the lead to four, 36-40 (17:47).

The effort was not enough as the mature Cougar squad eventually controlled the press and coasted to a victory.

Missed free throws accounted for 13 points that Eagles could have used.



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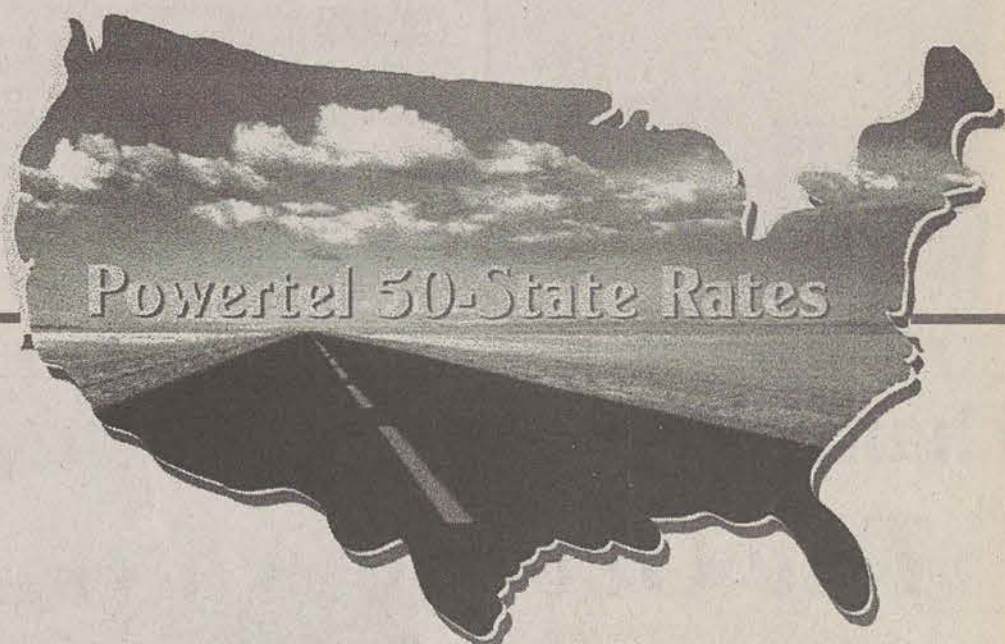
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Feb. 21

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Feb. 22

Apr. 18

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Feb. 1

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A changing game?
Administrators of schools, conferences in Division I-AA are looking to make their game more profitable

By Donald Heath

Savannah Morning News

Division I-AA football garners accolades for its innocence, the perception that the lure of money and media attention commands little importance on athletes who rank studies and then sports as their order of priority.

Division I-AA football also draws praise for using a 16-team playoff system that determines a champion on the field.

But for all the division's positives, failing to make football programs profitable has

I-AA administrators looking into ways to change the diverse group.

Southern Conference commissioner Alfred White along with the Southland Conference's Greg Sankey and the Big Sky's Doug Fullerton are spearheading a movement to alter the division's makeup.

They propose to increase scholarships to make member football programs stronger and cut out non-scholarship programs which were lumped into the division in the 90s.

With radical changes, White says Division I-AA can have regional appeal. And he hopes that means marketing opportunities, maybe sponsorships for the playoffs, maybe even a television contract.

"We realize we aren't the SEC and can't have a relationship with ESPN or ABC, but why can't we have a relationship with regional television?" White said. "We don't profess to have national value, but I think we have regional value... The conversation is just conceptual right now. We're still throwing things out there on the table."

White is a good guy to be throwing things on the table. Before becoming the conference commissioner in April of 1998, White was the director of corporate marketing for the NCAA.

Corporate sponsorships can be found everywhere in Division I-A. Just look at the bowls. There are 23 postseason bowl games for I-A teams and the smallest corporate payout is \$750,000.

The I-AA championship game, however, doesn't have a sponsor. That usually means its participants lose money.

University of Massachusetts' athletic director Bob Marcum said the Minutemen football program lost \$2.1 million despite winning the 1998 I-AA championship. UMass dropped a good chunk of the change traveling to Louisiana twice (for games with Northwestern State and McNeese State) and to Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Our vice president of finances might have been rooting against us this year," Marcum said.

The vice president of finances probably wonders why the Minutemen bother with football in the first place. Marcum said if UMass sold out its six home games at \$15 a ticket, the school would still lose \$600,000.

"I think a lot of (I-AA) programs can make that same statement," Marcum said.

Georgia Southern athletics director Sam Baker says gate receipts don't provide enough revenue to support the Eagles football program. But GSU makes ends meet with related monies (parking and concessions), donations and student activity fees.

So how do you make I-AA football financially worthwhile? White says build up the product.

"Even while I was at the NCAA, I knew I-AA football needed some enhancing," White said. "The present system is confused with Division II and Division III. It has problems holding onto its good programs and the (financial) numbers are a concern."

"Some members don't want to be associated with the (non-scholarship) schools... We're satisfied with our postseason, but we shouldn't lose as much money to participate."

In just the past five years, perennial I-AA powers Marshall, Central Florida, Northeast Louisiana (now Louisiana-Monroe), Middle Tennessee State, Idaho and Boise State have left the division.

Connecticut, South Florida and Troy State are headed out within the next few years. Even Massachusetts has done a feasibility study to look into joining I-A.

And for what? Marshall finished the 1999 season undefeated, had a Heisman Trophy candidate, won its conference, won its bowl game

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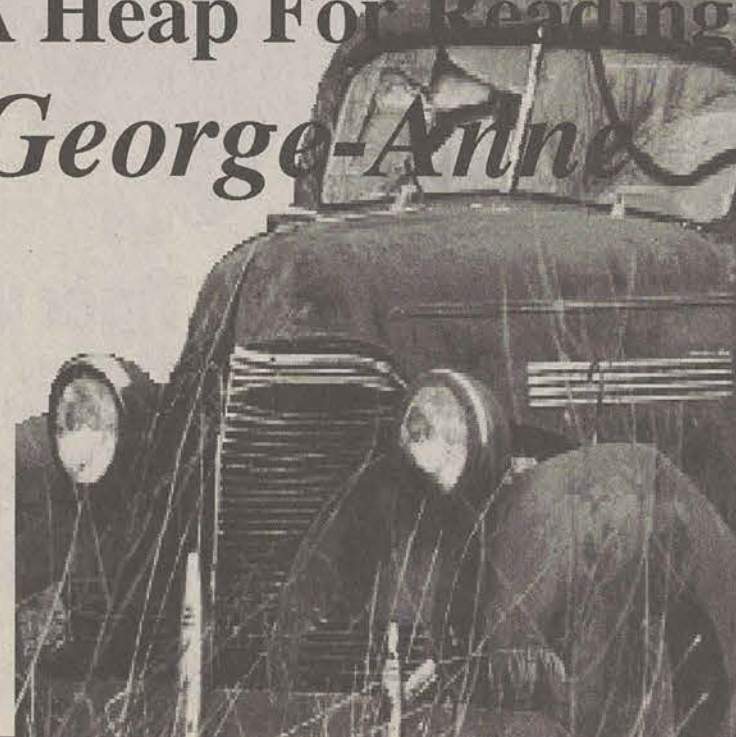
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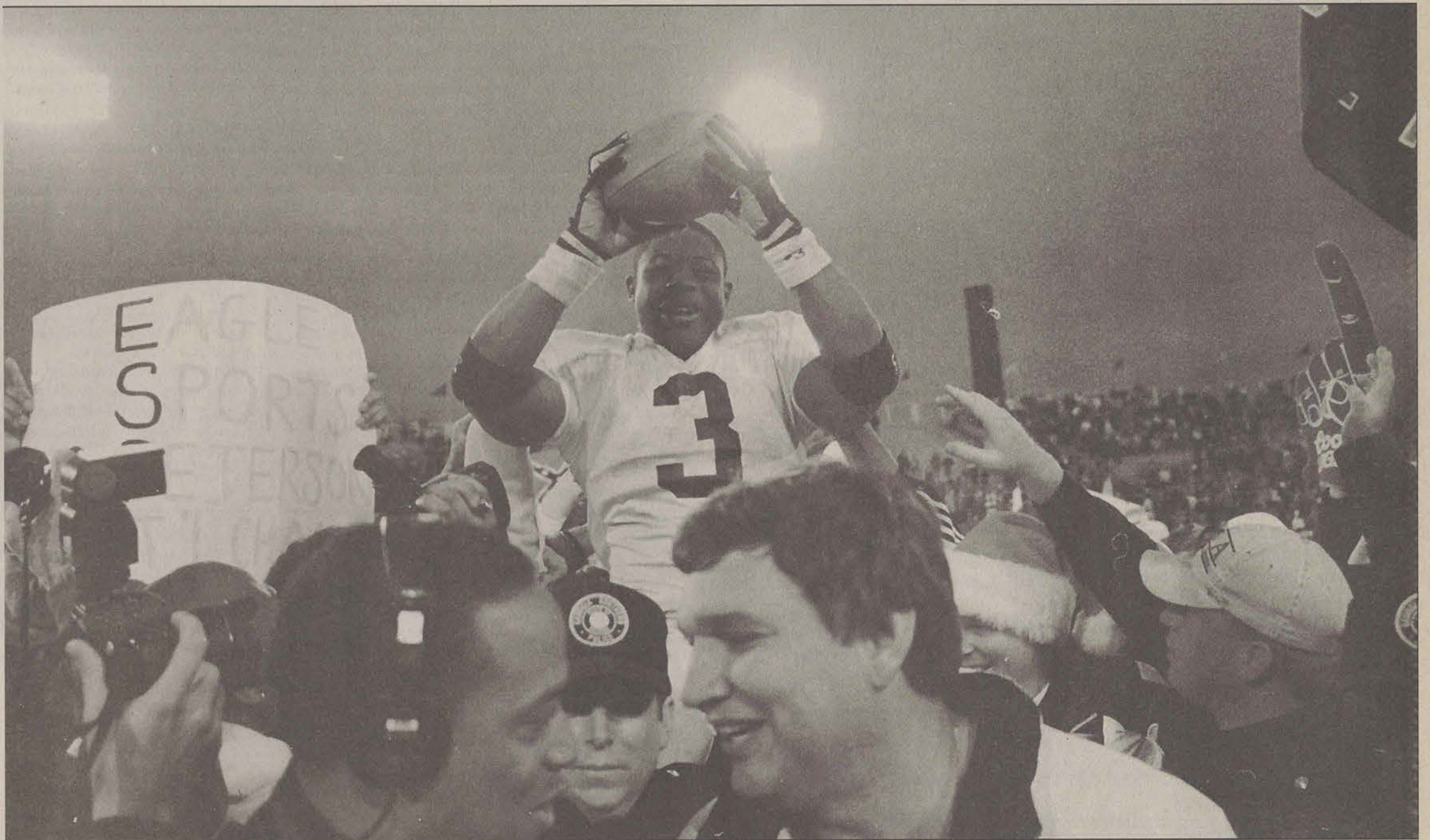
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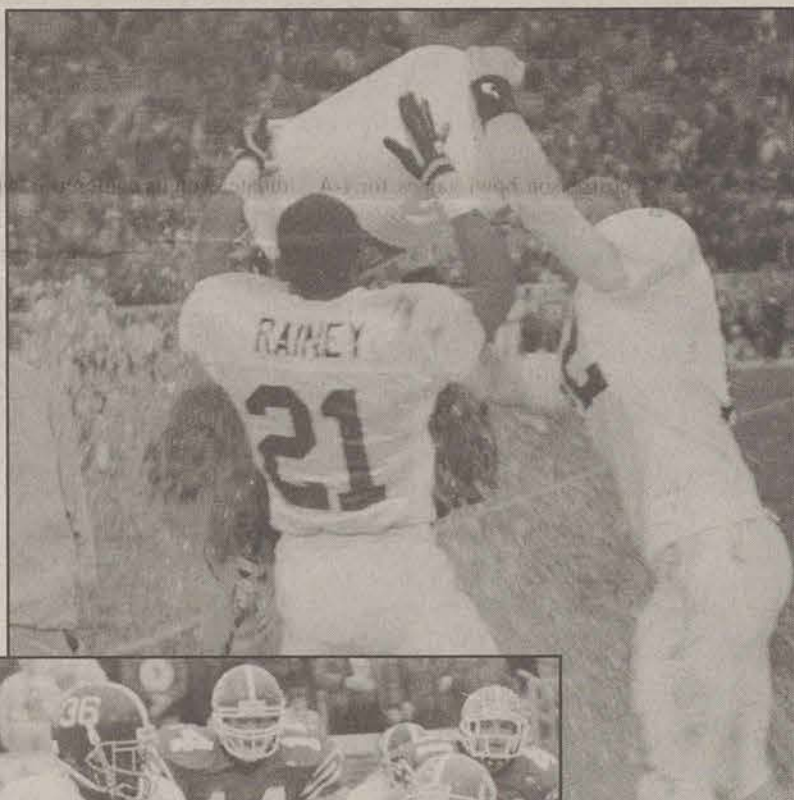
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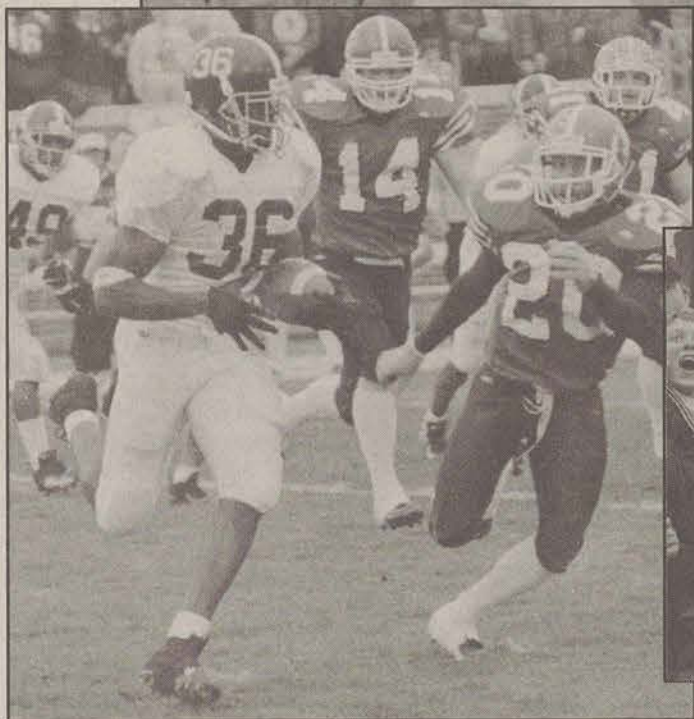
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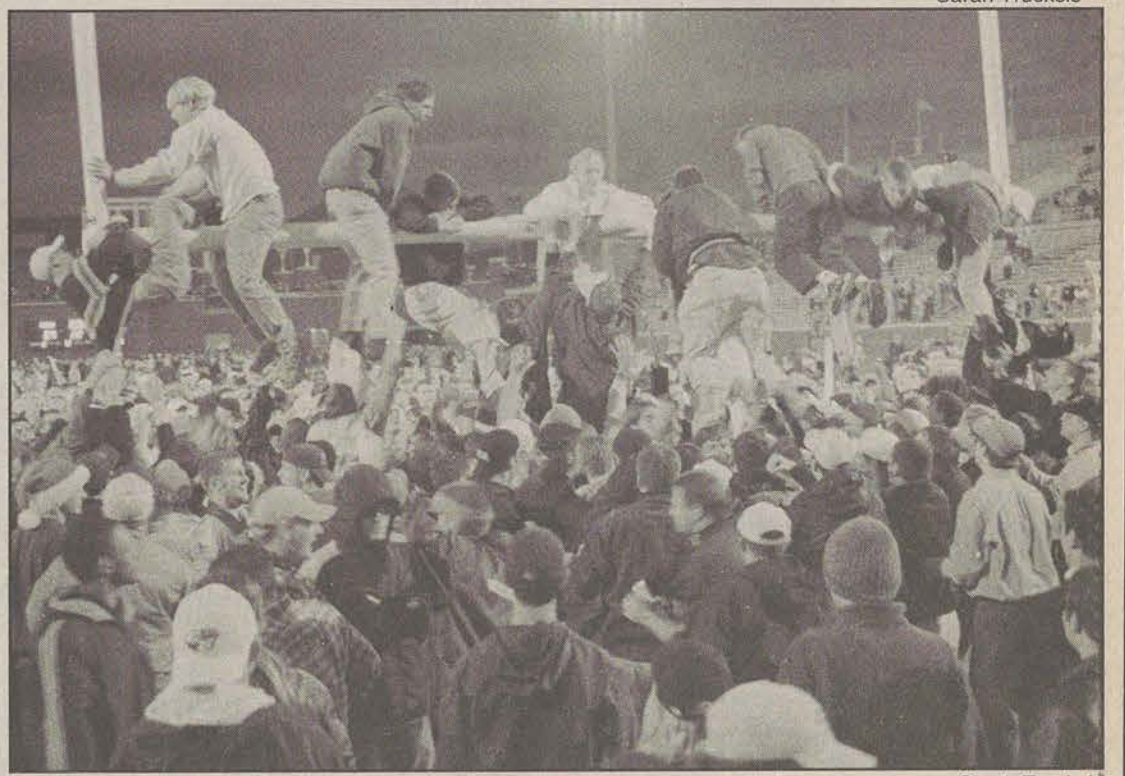
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Tennis season takes off

By Justin Johnson
Features Editor

GSU men's and women's tennis will soon begin their seasons as they come face to face with their opponents this weekend. The men's tennis team will kick off its season this Sunday as they head off to Atlanta to compete against Georgia State. The women's team will be traveling to Athens on Friday to compete in the Georgia Invitational.

The men's team is entering this season under the leadership of new head coach, Andrew King.

King is very optimistic about this year's season and looks forward to the challenges the team will face in the upcoming season.

"The toughest challenge will be to return to the level of tennis that the guys ended on last year," King said.

"As with any new coach, it takes time for the players to get used to a new system as well as a new coach. After

having had a productive fall season, I think the players know me a little better, which has created a more of a comfort zone," King added.

Cathy Beene is entering her third year as head coach for the Lady Eagles and is also looking forward to a successful season.

"The players must take care of their own positions and try not to rely on other team members to win," Beene said.

"Each player must take care of winning themselves. Confidence will additionally play a major role in that we are confident in ourselves, we will be confident as a team," Beene said.

"For us to be successful and reach our goals in the 2000 season we must stay healthy and play every match as if it is the conference championship," King said.

The teams are both expecting to play well this season and are looking forward to and are ready for the upcoming challenges that lay ahead.

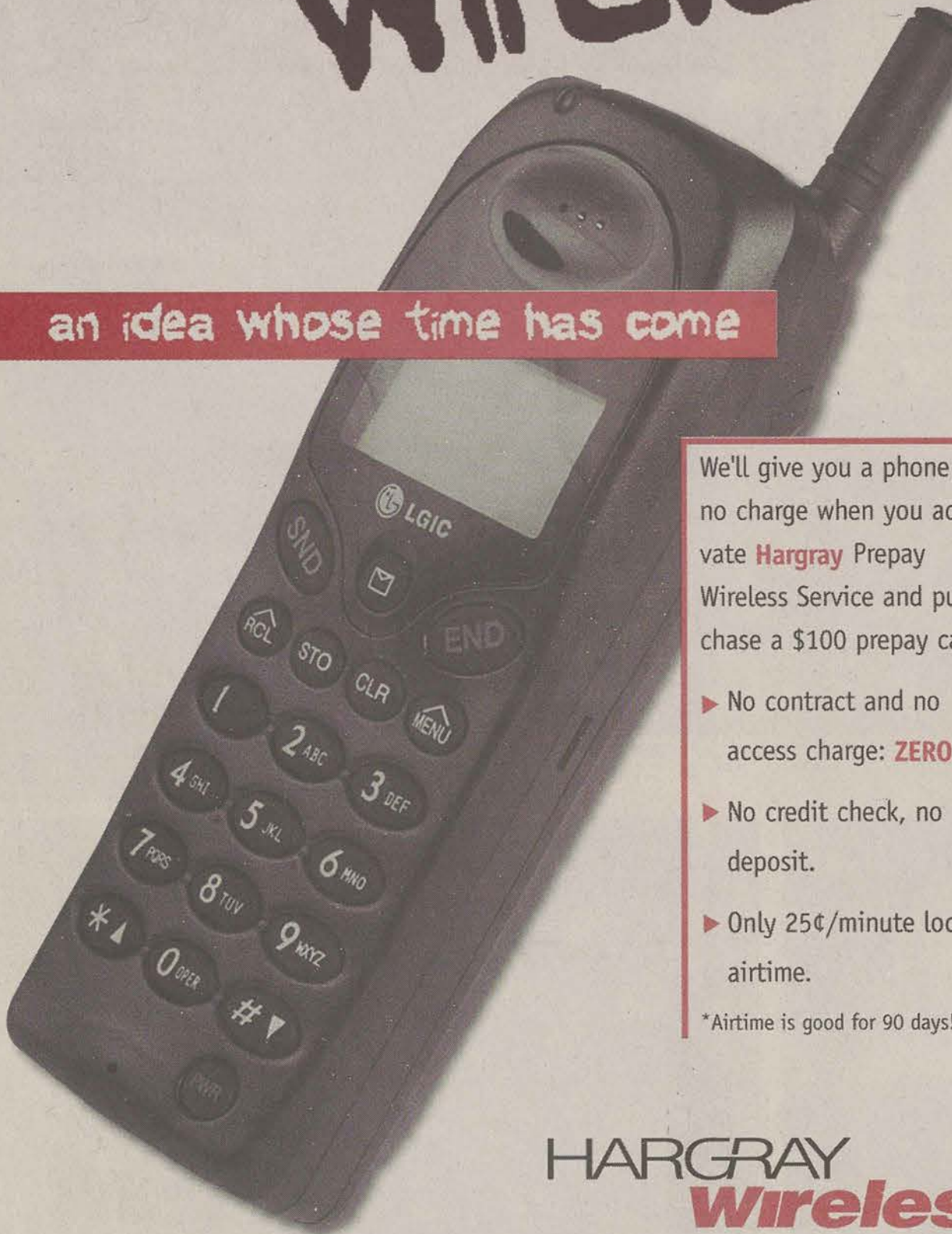
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Name	Class/Exp	Hometown	Name	Class/Exp	Hometown
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Darren Clark	So/1L	Natal, South Africa	Isabella Kling	Jr/2L	Göteborg, Sweden
Ulrich Ebensperger	Fr/HS	Altdorf, Germany	Brooke McNamee	So/1L	Brighton, Australia
Alejandro Franqui	Jr/2L	Caracas, Venezuela	Taylor Nance	So/1L	Chapel Hill, NC
Cecilia Gibbs	Jr/2L	Caracas, Venezuela	Ella Reilly	Fr/HS	Acton, Australia
Wojciech Nowak	So/1L	Włocławek, Poland	Jennifer Rynnion	Fr/HS	Marietta, GA
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29	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	12 pm
February			
16	Mercer	Macon, Ga.	2 pm
19	South Florida	Tampa, Fla.	11 am
25	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	2 pm
March			
1	Charleston Southern	STATESBORO	2 pm
5	UNC Charleston	STATESBORO	1 pm
6	*College of Charleston	STATESBORO	2 pm
10	*Wofford	Spartanburg, SC.	2:30 pm
12	*Western Carolina	Cullowhee, NC.	11 am
19	Wright State	STATESBORO	2 pm
23	Florida A&M	STATESBORO	2 pm
25	*Chattanooga	STATESBORO	11 am
April			
1	*Davidson	STATESBORO	11 am
2	*Furman	STATESBORO	12 pm
5	Winthrop	STATESBORO	2 pm
8	*UNC Greensboro	Greensboro, NC.	10 am
15	*Appalachian State	Boone, NC.	10 am
16	*East Tennessee State	Johnson City, Tenn.	10 am
27-30	Southern Conference Tourn.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	All Day

2000 Eagles Tennis Schedule			
January			
23	Georgia State	Atlanta, Ga.	2 pm
February			
4	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	2 pm
5	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.	10 am
5	Troy State	Tallahassee, Fla.	3:30 pm
12	Florida Atlantic	Tampa, Fla.	9:30 am
12	South Florida	Tampa, Fla.	2 pm
16	Mercer	Macon, Ga.	2 pm
19	Radford	STATESBORO	1 pm
26	Alabama-Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	1 pm
27	Memphis	Birmingham, Ala.	9 am
March			
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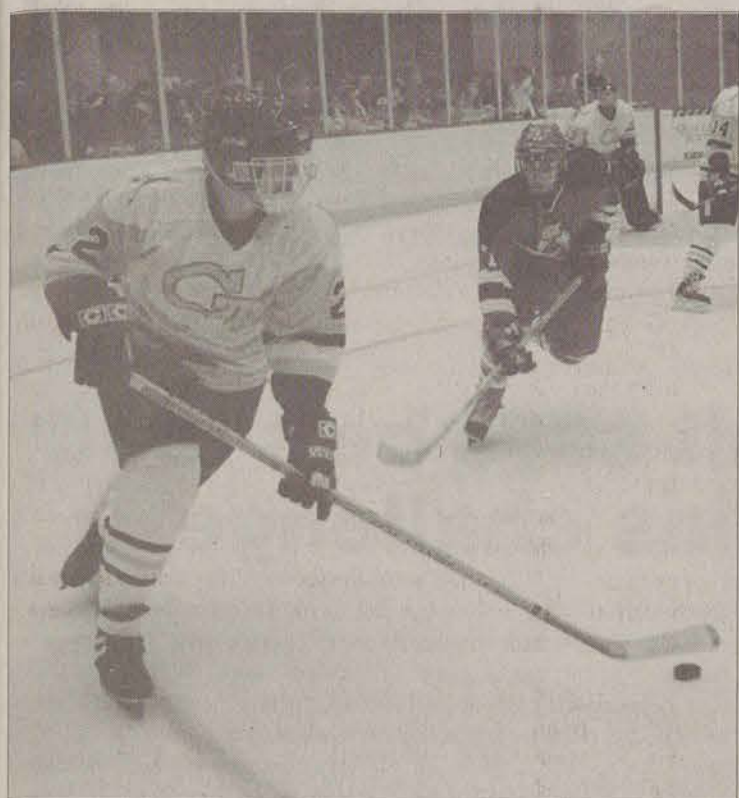
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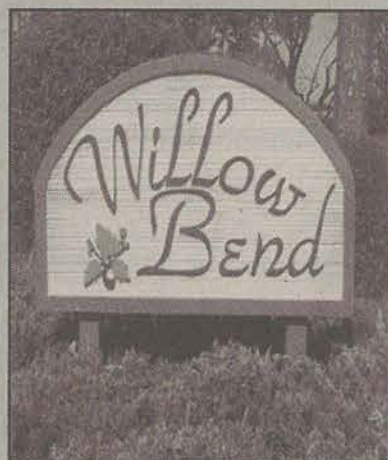
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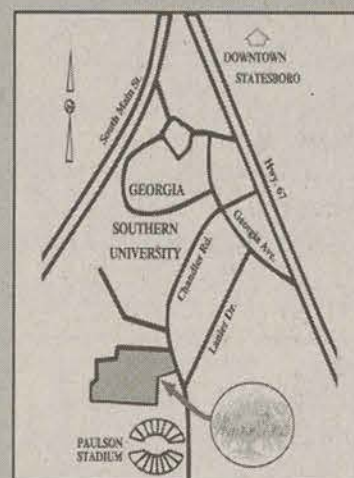


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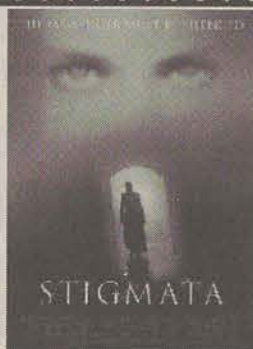
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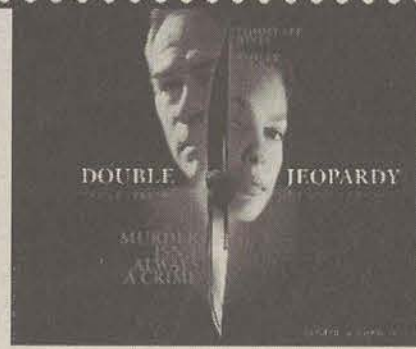
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Twisted Sister demands the Braves not use 'I Wanna Rock' to introduce John Rocker

The Associated Press

ATLANTA, GA - Members of Twisted Sister, protesting John Rocker's comments disparaging gays and minorities, asked the Atlanta Braves to stop using their song "I Wanna Rock" to introduce the reliever.

"We've got Hispanics in this band, Italians in this

band, people who are Polish and Russian," said guitarist Jay Jay French, the heavy metal band's co-founder. "We're all immigrants, all foreigners - quote unquote - and this is our way of saying his comments were not acceptable."

In an interview in *Sports Illustrated*, Rocker said he

would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also bashed immigrants, saying "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. . . . How the hell did they get in this country?"

Rocker later apologized and in a subsequent inter-

view with ESPN said his comments were in retaliation for verbal and physical abuse he said he received from New York Mets fans during the NL Championship Series.

New York-based Twisted Sister is best known for its 1984 hit single "We're Not Gonna Take It." The song's

video featured lead singer Dee Snyder and other band members wearing garish makeup and wild hairstyles.

French, 42, said he still legally represents the band and that all its members were in agreement over the action.

He said he told his record label, Atlantic Records, the

band didn't want the song used in conjunction with Rocker and left a message with Braves spokesman Jim Schultz. French would not speculate on what he would do if the Braves continued to use the song, written by Snyder.

Schultz did not return phone calls left at his office.

Wannstedt says he's ready for Dolphins challenge

The Associated Press

DAVIE, FL - A few hours after becoming the Miami Dolphins' head coach, Dave Wannstedt collapsed in a chair, already exhausted from the demands of the job.

A television behind him showed the NFL playoffs. Wannstedt asked for an update and was told the St. Louis Rams had just beaten Minnesota 49-37.

Wannstedt smiled. "The Rams couldn't score 63, huh?" he said.

No, Miami's 62-7 loss Saturday at Jacksonville is still the most eye-popping score of the postseason. But despite that rout, Wannstedt said the team he inherited when Jimmy Johnson retired is close to Super Bowl caliber. He doesn't anticipate a major turnover in personnel this offseason.

"I'm going to look at the positive - we got to the second round of the playoffs," said Wannstedt, the Dolphins' assistant head coach last season. "We've got a good solid foundation here. I like the nucleus of our team. We're basically a young team, primarily on defense. We just need

to add to the mix."

Owner Wayne Huizenga agrees that the Dolphins are the verge of title contention. He promoted Wannstedt because he sought continuity.

"We had a horrible day Saturday," Huizenga said. "We have to refine some things. But I'm confident we're close."

Skeptics scoff, noting Johnson failed to win an AFC East title, much less a Super Bowl, in his four years at Miami. This season the Dolphins lost seven of their final 10 games, barely made the playoffs and were eliminated with the most lopsided defeat in the 34-year history of the franchise.

Miami is \$6 million under the salary cap, a vast improvement on the financial mess Johnson inherited from Don Shula in 1996. But in the NFL's toughest division, the Dolphins face a daunting 2000 schedule, and they have no first-round draft pick this year.

Even before coaching a game in Miami, Johnson promised a Super Bowl title. Wannstedt makes no such promise and chooses a more modest goal - winning the division.

"That's something we haven't done around here in a few years," he said. "To have any chance at all of not having to travel like we did in the playoffs this year, we've got to get that done."

The biggest question mark on the roster is at quarterback, long a position of stability. Dan Marino hasn't decided whether he wants to return for an 18th season, and Wannstedt hasn't said whether he wants the future Hall of Famer back.

Marino, whose salary cap figure is scheduled to be about \$7.5 million in 2000, may be asked to accept a pay cut.

"Dan and I will talk," Wannstedt said. "We're going to do the right thing."

If No. 13 retires, his likely successor will be Damon Huard, who went 4-1 as a starter this season when Marino was hurt.

Most of the offseason focus will be on improving an offense that ranked 20th in the NFL. As always, Miami is in the market for a running back, and a shakeup in the aging offensive line is likely. Wannstedt will try to succeed where Johnson and Shula repeatedly failed - by developing a run-oriented attack that takes pressure off the quarterback and defense.

"You play great defense when you run the ball and control the clock," Wannstedt said.

Despite the collapse at Jacksonville, Wannstedt is happy with a defense led by All-Pro Zach Thomas at linebacker and Sam Madison at cornerback.

The Dolphins have eight unrestricted free agents, and the team would like to retain at least three - center Tim Ruddy, fullback Stanley Pritchett and one of two free-agent safeties, Shawn Wooden or Calvin Jackson. Free agents most likely to depart are cornerback Terrell Buckley, who lost his starting job in November, and punter Tom Hutton.

Wannstedt fired three offensive assistants Sunday, including coordinator Kippy Brown. Chan Gailey, fired last week as the Dallas Cowboys' head coach, may be a candidate to replace Brown. With Johnson's title as general manager vacant, Wannstedt wants to hire someone to oversee the personnel and scouting departments. One candidate is Tom Donahoe, who resigned under pressure last week as director of football operations for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Wannstedt knows what it's like to be fired - he was let go by the Chicago Bears in 1998 after compiling a 40-56 record in six seasons. And with a three-year, \$3.9 million contract, he knows he must produce quickly in Miami.

"I feel totally prepared to step forward with this challenge," he said.

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and still couldn't crack the top 10 of I-AA.

But you don't hear the Thundering Herd making noise about losing money.

White calls his group 'a consortium' and its plan to gain some financial solvency would entail changing NCAA legislation. Non-scholarship conferences like the Metro Atlantic, Northeast and Pioneer would have to find a new division. Scholarships for remaining programs would be bumped up from 63 to 70.

White would even welcome the I-AA Mid-American Conference and the Big West Conference dropping down. NCAA director of championships Dennis Poppe told *USA Today* that if the majority of I-AA membership wanted such a move, the association would not stand in the way.

"I applaud anybody who tries to take what they have and does the best they can with it and I think that's where they're going with it," Poppe said.

White said with an improved, dedicated membership, the division could pursue regional television contracts from Fox Net Sports.

Baker sees the potential changes as a win-win situation for Georgia Southern.

"We want to play football at a significant level, but we always want to play within our means," he said.

Marcum isn't so sure the entire division feels the same way as White. And he looks at this season's quarterfinal matchup between UMass and Georgia Southern as proof that I-

AA football isn't an easy sell.

The two 1998 finalists were matched in Statesboro, but there were no takers from the television industry.

"I don't think you can talk about increasing scholarships without guarantees," he said. "I guarantee you there are more people out there talking about reducing I-AA scholarships than increasing them."

White and his group forge ahead. White says they have attracted interest from several well-known marketing companies for the proposed revised division.

At this week's NCAA Convention in San Diego, White will meet with other I-AA conference commissioners.

He said if support is lacking for a reformed division then the Southern Conference would consider a move to Division I-AA. White didn't have a timetable for such a move.

Baker said Georgia Southern would be in favor.

Certainly, if the Southland Conference and the Big Sky Conference followed, I-AA football would be decimated.

"I applaud Alfred for taking a look into (the restructuring of I-AA football)," Marcum said. "But when they're talking about getting sponsorships like NASCAR, that's not as easy as they might think. A lot of people sitting around the table can spell commitment, but you have to define it."

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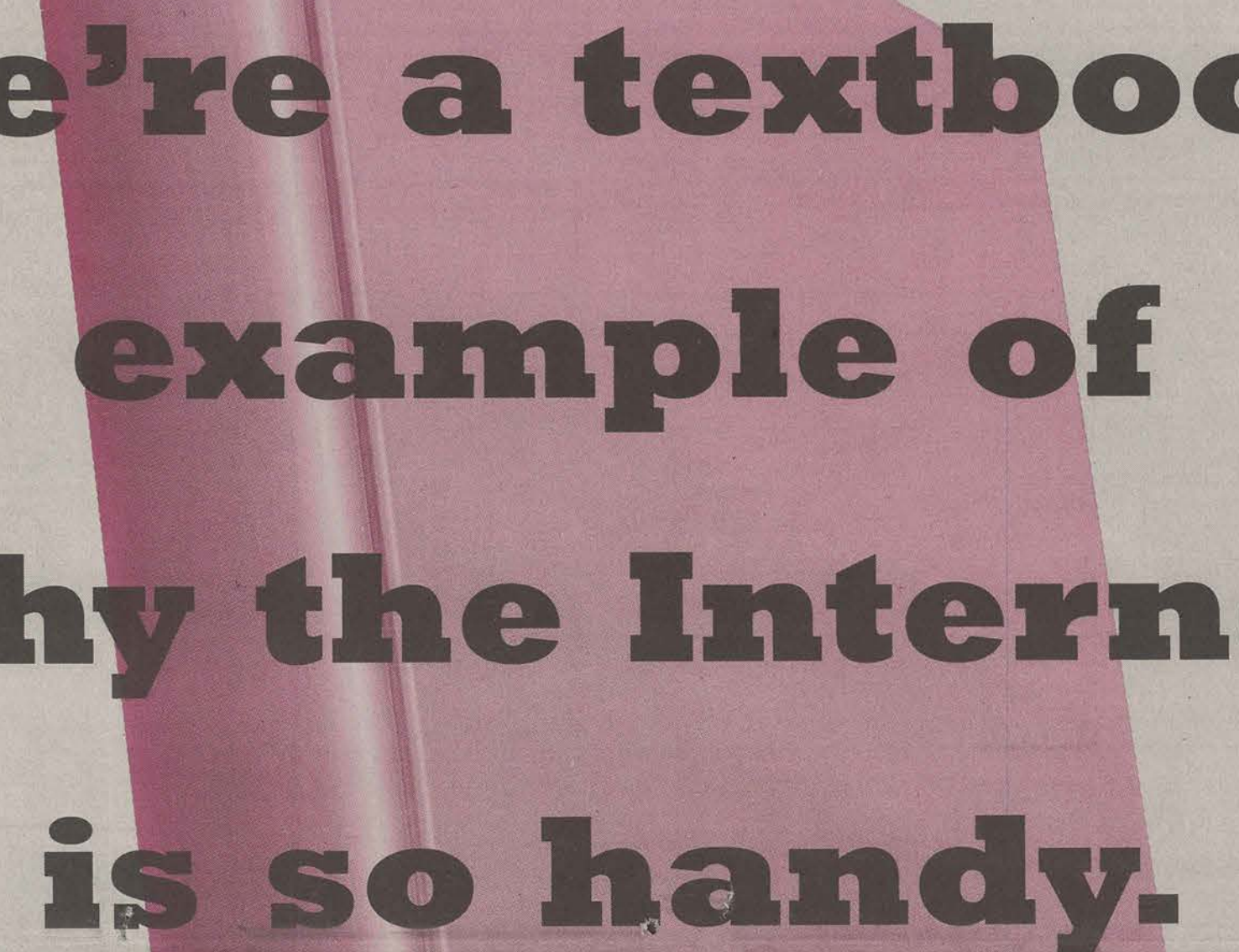
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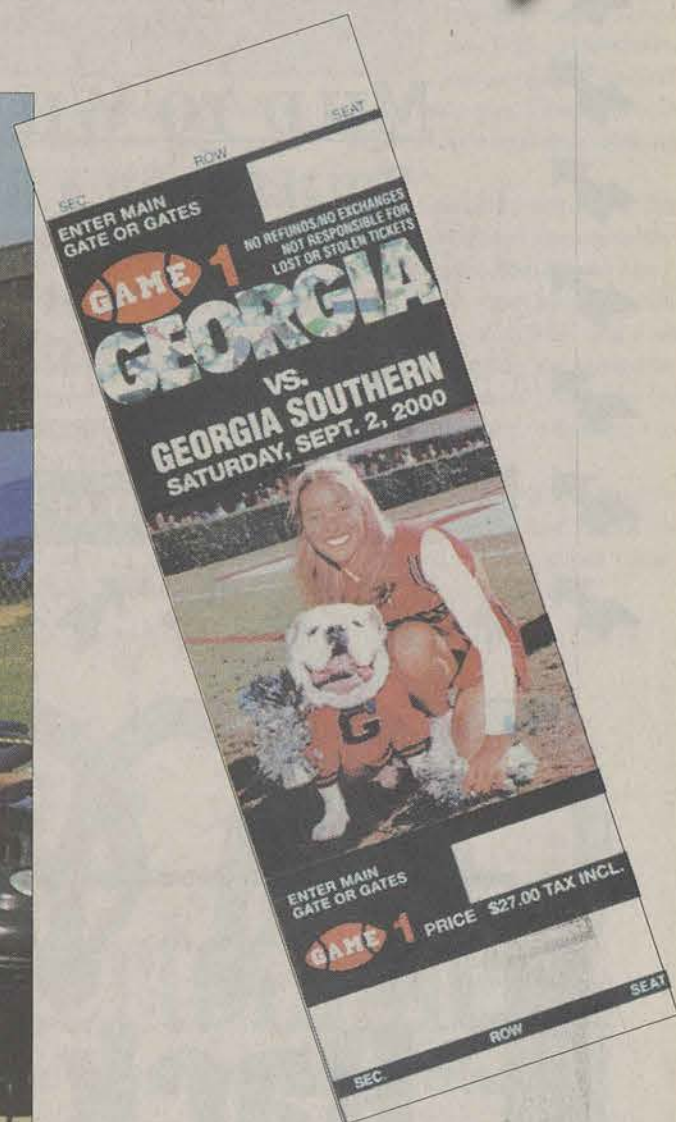
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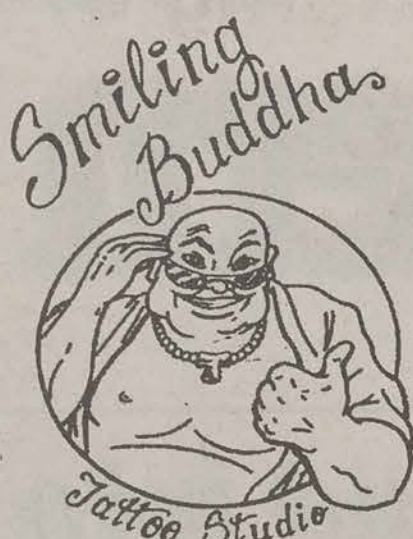
GSU football fans waited night and day for tickets to the Georgia vs. GSU game. Those camping out roughed through the heat and rain to purchase their coveted tickets. (center) Luke Chamblee, Brian Renillard and James Syms brave the heat in their homemade pool.

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Students endure heat, rain, and gnats for coveted tickets

By Dana K. MacKay
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

TVs, lawn furniture, tarps, tents, fans, couches, coolers, and one inflatable pool. That was the unusual scene around Paulson Stadium last Friday. The madness started Thursday night at 7:15. A student named Stephen Stanley, had decided that he would be first in line for the coveted GSU vs. UGA tickets. So he, along with buddies Tony Mills and Brian Smith, set up camp right under the "Ticket Line Starts Here" sign. The second group joined them only a short two hours later. Friends came to relieve Stanley and his crew so that they would be able to go home and enjoy a shower, just to come back out and get sweaty again. It looked like a practice session for a tailgate party. At one end of the strip there was Hank Williams Jr. blaring, while just a few cars down, Busta Rhymes was playing. Some students endured the heat and the gnats just for the company. "I have had tickets for two and a half weeks now. I'm out here for the fun of it—because everyone's out here," said Jessica Harrison. For the most part people were in high spirits on Friday. Whether or not it was from adult beverages, who knows? Students walked the strip visiting other groups. Some stumbled from local bars

to catch up with their friends who had braved the heat.

Any sleep that anyone may have attempted to get was most likely disturbed by a 7:00 AM rain shower that lasted about an hour and a half. Rain water mixed with lots of trash made for a horrendous stench that just got worse as the afternoon got hotter. Students would periodically climb into their cars and enjoy the air conditioning.

Mass delirium set in as I overheard some folks talking about the food they were going to go eat as soon as they had tickets in hand. I guess all the hamburgers, hot dogs, and ham sandwiches that their friends were bringing them just wasn't cutting it. But local businesses saw it as yet one more opportunity to squeeze money out of the students, bringing pizzas to sell, knowing weak, hot, and hungry students couldn't resist. The students waiting in line were asked to have everything packed up two hours prior to ticket sell time. This, coupled with hangovers and heat, led to a few sour attitudes.

Despite the sleep deprivation, fighting off the gnats, and sweating bullets, this was one more page in the GSU scrapbook. Memories were in the making all weekend long for the folks that endured the heat and the rain. I think first-in-line Stanley summed it up best, "This is something I can tell my kids about."

Couple donates ancient scroll

LAWRENCE, Kan. — There was a good reason that the torn scroll bought by John and Cindy Ballard at a charity auction looked so old. It really was old — about 3,000 years old.

Now, thrilled scholars at the University of Kansas are trying to learn more about the scroll, which they say came from ancient Egypt.

Imagine the Ballards' surprise. When they bought it three years ago, they thought the document might make a good conversation piece, and they kept it framed in their home.

"There was no certificate of authenticity with it," John Ballard said. "It could have been made by somebody in a garage in Raytown, Mo."

Ballard, a 1973 University of Kansas graduate, and his wife donated the scroll to the school at a presentation Friday.

The couple learned the document's real nature after their son, Jake, took a religions studies class at the university. There, he heard about ancient scrolls that were sometimes buried in tombs with the dead.

Jake asked his professor — whom he described to the elder Ballard as a "real-life Indiana Jones" — if he could bring in the scroll.

Associate professor Paul Mirecki couldn't believe what he saw.

The scroll contained drawings and hieroglyphics in black and red ink on paper made from papyrus. The document measured 3 1/2 feet by 10 inches and was used as a religious guidebook for resurrection and afterlife.

Little is known about the scroll's history before 1950, Mirecki said. But he thinks the scroll might date back as far as 1050 B.C., and probably came from a Theban nobleman's tomb in Upper Egypt.

"Many objects like this are in collections throughout Europe," Mirecki said. "We're still studying this scroll to date it more precisely."

Richard Clement, director of special collections at the Spencer Research Library, said the scroll would be in good hands among the library's collections of historic books.

"What a wonderful gift this is," Clement said. "It is a first for KU, but it fits with our collections. We're very, very pleased to receive this."

Ballard said he was pleased to find an appropriate home for the scroll where it could be studied and cared for.

"It's been a wonderful three-year journey to discover what it is and where it came from," Ballard said. "We're delighted."

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Single elephant in jail

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - If Gildah the elephant is lonely, she's not saying. Despite the charmed life she lives, an animal rights group says Gildah is sad and needs to be around her own kind.

"Solitary confinement is what we give to the worst criminals in our society," said Jane Garrison, an elephant specialist with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "It is extremely cruel to keep elephants isolated from other elephants."

Gildah (pronounced Jilda) seems to have a pretty good life. The 52-year-old Thai elephant lives at The Mirage hotel-casino in the Secret Garden of Siegfried & Roy, a habitat of white lions, tigers and dol-

phins. Gildah munches on watermelons and bananas, hangs out with her friend Merlin, a turkey, and takes a bath in her pond if the heat gets to her.

At night, it's show time as Gildah performs with illusionists Siegfried & Roy. She's been with them since the show opened in 1990.

In the mornings, her handler, Chris Logan, says Gildah loves to watch cartoons and the Discovery Channel. His house is next to Gildah's habitat and Gildah peaks in Logan's window to watch television.

She may seem content, but PETA says Gildah is lonely. They want her retired to an elephant sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn., where she can make friends with other elephants.

Garrison said elephants are herd animals and even though Gildah is not being physically mistreated, her life

must be torture. "They need the companionship," she said.

The Mirage contends PETA is using Gildah as a fund-raising ploy.

"PETA is a very highly organized money machine. They create issues, go out and raise money on those issues," said Alan Feldman, spokesman for the resort.

PETA claims they have received a handful of letters from people complaining that Gildah is alone, but Feldman questions whether the letters exist.

"The love and care of Gildah has been beyond reproach the entire time," he said.

Gildah herself is keeping mum on the subject. On Thursday, she seemed to enjoy using her snout to throw dirt and grass on her back in an effort to cool off.

Internet romance can lead to more than love

Knight-Ridder Tribune

Mathew Kirkson, a self-described "adventure-seeking rebel," doesn't jump from bridges or fly off canyons. But the risk-taking streak he's ridden has landed him twice in clinics for sexually transmitted diseases.

He says the first man he met online gave him syphilis, and in March, doctors diagnosed him with gonorrhea, the product of another Web affair gone awry. But last week, the 29-year-old Palo Alto waiter sought "adventure" once again -- driving his minivan into East San Jose to have sex with yet another man he had met online only 30 minutes earlier.

"Back on the prowl," Kirkson said. "Sure, it's dangerous. But life is full of risks. You've got to take some of them."

Growing numbers of sex-obsessed adventurers like Kirkson are finding the World Wide Web the first stop on the way to liaisons that accelerate the spread of disease.

Health officials are still reeling from a series of recent studies in several major U.S. cities that have labeled online chat

rooms the technologically-advanced equivalent of HIV-infested sex clubs and bathhouses. The new research says thousands of Americans -- a majority of them young, gay men -- already have been infected with a range of sexually transmitted diseases, from the relatively harmless body lice that infested 15 men in New York to fatal HIV cases in Denver.

year-old college student from San Jose who caught herpes from a man he met online.

"I never really thought it would happen to me, but that's what everybody says. I put the blame squarely on the shoulders of my own youthful delusions of invincibility," Imendia said. "But I'm lucky it's something that doesn't kill. I'm lucky it's not AIDS."

San Francisco researchers released two studies that have painted increasingly chilling portraits of the online sex community. One, offered by the city's Public Health Department, said gay men who met online reported riskier sexual behavior with more sex partners than gay men who met in traditional settings.

"People with Internet partners tend to be more risky than those who don't meet their partners over the Internet," said Andrea Kim, an epidemiologist in the city's HIV epidemiology unit.

The second study discovered that more than 30 percent of gay men at an STD clinic reported meeting partners online, compared with 10 percent of heterosexual men and 3 percent of women.

"SURE, IT'S DANGEROUS. BUT LIFE IS FULL OF RISKS. YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE SOME OF THEM."

For the Bay Area, the trend carries troubling implications. The computer-savvy region is home to high Internet use and a burgeoning gay population wrestling with a number of sexually transmitted diseases.

The variety of bacteria and viruses that could infect the sexually promiscuous is far more frightening than anything high-tech hackers could concoct.

"I'd be glad if all I caught had been some I Love You virus or a nasty computer code that ate up my hard drive," said Nicholas Imendia, a 21-

To thong or not to thong

Knight-Ridder Tribune

It's a question appropriate for the 21st century.

Do you thong?

Yes, yes, yes, say scores of enthusiastic women who have added the slingshot-looking, heretofore-too-risky-for-public-wear panty to their underwear arsenal.

"I'm addicted to them," confesses Roshenna Harris, a 21-year-old student.

"They're all I wear," declares Zoe Ashbury, a 46-year-old restaurant manager.

"I can't wear anything else," says Penny Mullins, a 30ish spokeswoman for Frederick's of Hollywood. "I won't go back."

From specialty boutiques like Victoria's Secret to mass-market department stores like Target, thong underwear, merely a panel in the front and a single strap up the back, is threatening to overtake traditional briefs as the panty of choice for America's women.

Back in the dark ages, say about 10 years ago, wearing a thong for anything other than a romp on a beach in Rio or a roll in the hay with your honey was perceived as racy and somewhat tawdry.

The thong came by its sleazy reputation honestly. It got its start as the thread-thin G-string devised by dancers during

the 1939 New York World's Fair to comply with Mayor Fiorello La Guardia's order to cover up. The G-string gave rise to the thong bikini in 1973. Frederick's of Hollywood began selling thongs as underwear in 1981 (along with crotchless panties and push-up bras).

Strap-snapping Monica Lewinsky notwithstanding, this is a new day, a day in

restaurant manager at Zanzibar Blue in Philadelphia. "I've been wearing them a long, long time, since they looked like G-strings. I 'hate' panty lines."

Ashbury is one of those women who can't have too much underwear. She coordinates her underlayers with her outer layers and owns thongs in all colors and fabrics. So she speaks with authority when she advises not to let the "floss" back piece scare you: "You have to be selective. Lace ones are cute, but they itch. It has to be a fabric that doesn't irritate."

At Victoria's Secret, thong sales have risen 30 percent since 1995, compared with an increase of about 5 percent for

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which the sleazy image of the thong has taken a backseat to a more utilitarian, albeit sexy one, where the minor discomfort is endured for the absence of that dreaded Visible Panty Line.

Partly because of fashion's affinity for stretchy, sheer fabrics, sales for thongs have risen 52 percent over a three-year period, compared with just 10 percent for all other types of women's panties, according to a survey by NPD, a marketing-information company that researches underwear sales.

Which takes us back to the question: Do you thong?

"Absolutely," replied Ashbury, a res-

all other panty sales. Thongs account for 40 percent of the retail chain's total panty purchases.

But Krista Bard isn't buying them. Wearing the skimpy unmentionables is definitely an acquired taste, she says.

"I have this white La Perla dress that is a sheer, clingy thing that I wear a nude thong with. Anything else would show a line," the 47-year-old Philadelphia business consultant says. "Otherwise, I hate them."

Bard says the thong is too uncomfortable for her. "You have to pick your torture, and, if I have to pick torture, I prefer Manolo Blahnik shoes."

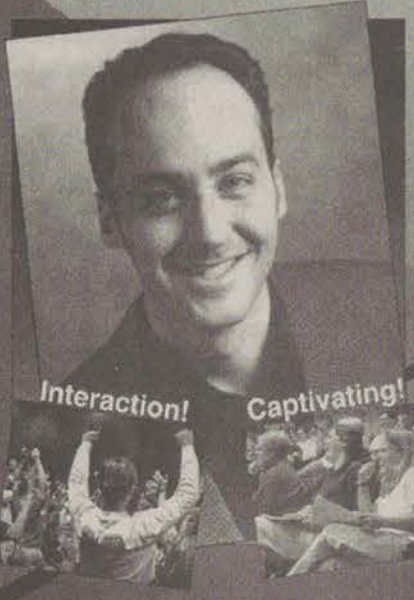
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Sen. John McCain has skin cancer removed

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Sen. John McCain spent more than five hours in surgery to remove skin cancer from his temple and upper arm, and his doctor said preliminary findings show that the cancer had not spread to his lymph nodes.

McCain's internist, Dr. John Eckstein, said Saturday's surgery to remove the two melanomas, the most serious form of skin cancer, went exactly as expected and without complications.

The removal of the melanoma from his left arm involved a simple excision, Eckstein said. The surgery on the left temple was more extensive and included the removal of lymph nodes from the face and neck and a salivary gland, he said.

"We are pleased to let you

know that the preliminary report on the lymph nodes ... was clear without any evidence of melanoma cells," he said. "However it will take several days to fully evaluate the removed surgical tissue."

McCain was recovering at the Mayo Clinic Hospital and was expected to remain there for two to three days, Eckstein said.

The surgery followed earlier tests that found no signs that the cancer spread beyond the two new melanomas. The lymph nodes removed Saturday from around the cancerous lesions were being tested to help determine whether the surgery was the only treatment necessary.

If the cancer had reached one or more of the lymph nodes, treatment is more complicated and less likely to cure the cancer, melanoma experts said. Options

include anti-cancer drugs and stimulating the immune system to try to fight the cancer.

The outlook would have been much worse if the cancer had spread to McCain's organs, since that stage of melanoma is extremely difficult to treat, said Dr. John Glaspy, a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center.

Doctors found the melanomas after McCain left the Republican National Convention to have biopsies performed at Bethesda Naval Hospital near Washington.

Melanoma is usually caused by exposure to the sun. People with fair skin, like McCain, have a higher risk of skin cancer. McCain spent hours in the Arizona sun campaigning for Congress in 1982 and subsequent years.

'Coyote Ugly' uses cheap tricks to lure all audiences

By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

They've graced the cover of nearly every major magazine over the past two months, they've been spotlighted on most entertainment television channels, and the talk on the streets about them hasn't slowed down yet. Their names are Violet, Lil, Cammie, Gloria, Rachel, and Zoe. These are the girls of "Coyote Ugly." The box office smash has been raking in the money for over three weeks now, and there seems to be nothing slowing down the exchange of \$6.50 for close to two hours of sexy bar top dancing.

With the movie surprisingly written by a woman, the synopsis of Gina Wendkos' "Coyote Ugly" reads a lot better than the previews lead on, and the movie itself proves to be a lot worse than both of them combined. "Coyote Ugly" features Violet Sanford (played by actress Piper Perabo), a small-town New Jersey songwriter who moves to New York City in order to get her songs recognized. Living in an apartment that looks more like an abandoned drug shack, Violet tries her best to keep herself busy away from her living quarters. When none of the big music corporations are the slightest bit interested in Violet's work, she attends a nightclub that puts unknown live local musicians in the limelight one night a week. There she meets Kevin O'Donnell (played by Australian actor Adam Garcia) who pretends to be in charge of the club's booking in order to score points with Violet, but in reality, he is the nightclub's short-order cook. Once the truth comes through, the rest of the scenes involving Violet and Kevin are ones that can be found in any typical romantic comedy. Violet then finds out about the bar called Coyote Ugly, and is immediately given an audition due to the club owner's fondness of Violet's sass. Violet of course, after some disputes, gets the job and becomes a nightly regular.

The story behind "Coyote Ugly" isn't too bad on the surface. You've got the struggling small-town female musician trying to catch her musical break amongst towering skyscrapers, honking horns, and wailing si-

rens. You've got the pretty boy cook who has the hots for this lost girl, and would do anything to be able to call her his own. But the problem with "Coyote Ugly" lies underneath the scripts, and behind the scenes.

If you were told that a movie was coming out that highlighted six beautiful women, five of whom danced on top of a beer-splattered bar and all of whom served massive amounts of alcohol to horny drunken men, what would you guess the film would be rated? If you were told that one of these beautiful women is featured in a sex scene with another actor/model, what would your guess be as to the rating of the film? The previews for "Coyote Ugly" imply that the flick will fall right in line with earlier films like "Showgirls" and "Striptease," both rated R and featuring continuous shots of naked women dancing around for an aroused male audience. But "Coyote Ugly" is rated PG-13. So, why

called for some obscene language to be used at the club.

So, why does his resistance to do this cut back from the quality of the movie? Because such content in a movie like this only makes sense. "Coyote Ugly" lacked the punch that was constantly trying to creep through the plot. In a real New York City nightclub, would hordes of men come nightly to see women whose clothes stayed on at all times? In a place where men are getting completely trashed on beer and liquor, would the language remain clean throughout the night? Would a club that featured "sexy" stick figures shaking their implants and butts on top of a bar go without any obscenities being shouted at the female entertainers? Rather than making the movie realistic, McNally knew that this did not matter to most of the people who paid to see it. Instead, he made the music Violet was creating nauseatingly close to the same music

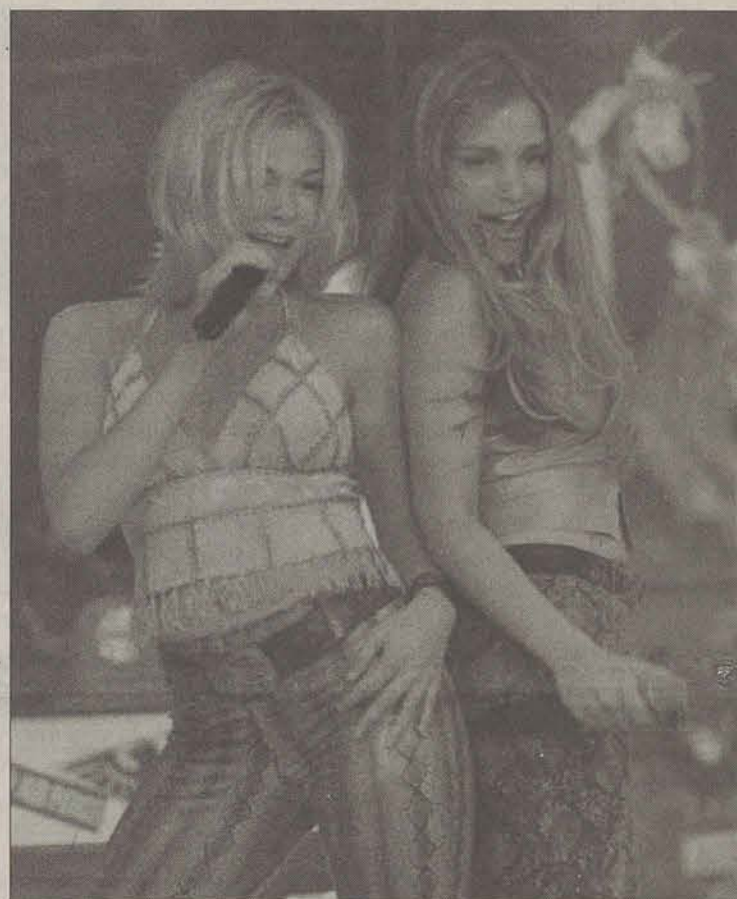
that Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera get rich off of (for some unjust reason). Also, he made the group of girls who worked at Coyote Ugly blatantly resemble the group of girls that made up the Spice Girls, and used a guest cameo performance by teen country music singer Leann Rimes.

McNally also knew that the acting in "Coyote Ugly" was worse than a made-for-TV movie, the audience would concentrate only on

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what was before their eyes. In a movie centered on women, it is astonishing that the best acting in the film came from the two men featured in the story. Adam Garcia put forth a strong effort as Kevin O'Donnell, and John Goodman, though severely out of place, was as brilliant as ever playing the role of Violet's father, Bill Sanford.

Critics have thrown "Coyote Ugly" around like a rag doll, but most of the American population who have seen it have nothing but praise for the film. The movie begged for quality but the poor acting and the cheap tricks McNally used, knowing that the American culture would see no problem whatsoever, made "Coyote Ugly" a fruitless film, yet a successful get-rich-quick scheme for those who produced it.



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EPA enforces safe drinking water by providing list of ingredients

By Jessica Garcia
Staff Writer

As the fields of science and technology continue to expand, Americans are becoming further aware of and even obsessed with their health and what affects it. In particular, concern for what goes in our bodies has become a common place even in a simple grocery store. Take food information labels, for example. We can't even eat a bowl of cereal without knowing how many calories and fat grams it contains or what its ingredients are. But how often have Americans stopped to ponder what is in their drinking water? Sure, there's Evian and other bottled water companies, but what if you simply want it from your tap?

As recent Environmental Protection Agency ads convey, "The fact is, there is more to your tap water than filling your glass." In March of 1999, a short feature was aired on the "Today" show informing Americans

they could receive information pertaining to their local drinking water by calling a toll-free number. Within twenty four hours, 40,000

calls were placed inquiring the safety of their water. Due to recently revised public notification regulations developed in May of this year, EPA ad campaigns are encouraging consumers nation-wide to demand their local water authorities to "pour over the facts" and give consumers a "list of ingredients" for their local tap water. By calling the toll-free number (1-800-426-4791) or visiting the web site (www.epa.gov/safewater/), Americans can and are being informed where their tap water comes from, what contaminants have been detected in it, and how these levels compare to federal health standards. This campaign, entitled "Drinking Water: Know What's In It For You," also encourages consumers to check out public notification of violations beginning with those that are health-based, followed by water monitoring, and reporting violations.

The public notification changes made this May also include the right of consumers for faster notice in

emergencies, fewer notices overall, and notices that are easier to understand. Over ninety percent of Americans were required to have had reports available from their water suppliers this July. If you did not receive one, your local water service can inform you as to when your report was or will be published.

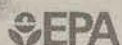
Thanks to the EPA's concerns, consumers now have more to obsess over than how many miles they need to run after eating a Milky Way Bar. Ironically, consumers must now be aware of the very element that is vital in sustaining life - water - which may actually be more harmful than your everyday helping of Easy Mac. So, instead of assuming that your water is only two atoms of hydrogen and one of oxygen, take the EPA's advice of awareness in the slogan, "because when it comes to drinking water, the most important ingredient is you."

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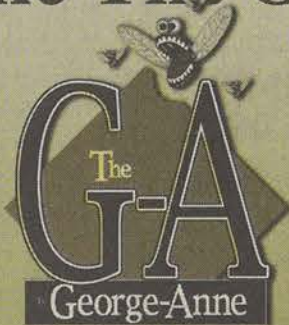
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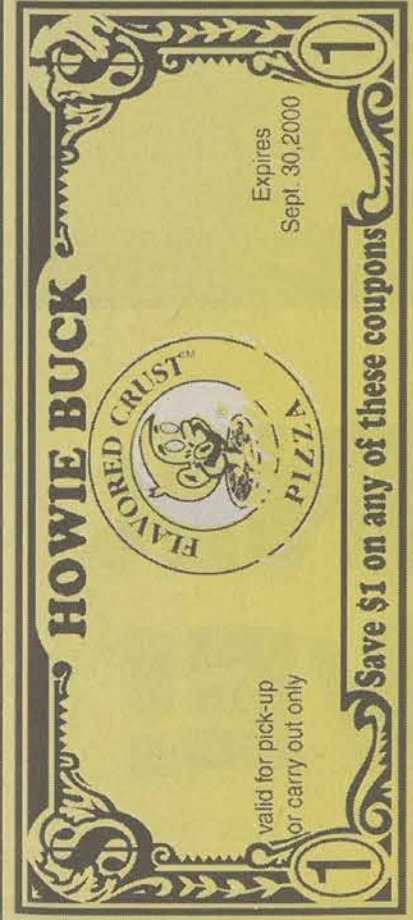
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By Linda C. Black
TMS Campus

Today's Birthday (Aug. 23). Expect many changes this year, some in how you see yourself. Start by listing your talents in August. Ask for your share of the wealth in October. An older person teaches you a valuable lesson in November. Another transformation could occur naturally in December, as you outgrow one phase and begin another. There's more work than money in June, but creativity blossoms by July.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — You are smart today. You are capable of learning quickly. If you do the reading and watch an expert, you will acquire the skills you admire. A high level of accomplishment is required to maintain the position to which you aspire. So, practice!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Having lots of love in times of no money is better than lots of money in times of no love. So, especially, if money's tight, don't say something that would hurt. The other person may not have your experience or objectivity. Teach through your example.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You and somebody you live with could get into a brawl. You want things to go one way, and the other person doesn't see why. You're the stickler for the rules this time, and you can prevail. Be graceful, as well as right, and patient.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — What you thought was going to happen might not. What you thought was the truth might be fiction. The more you learn, the more you realize you didn't know. Be cautious and don't spread rumors. The full story might not be revealed until tomorrow.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Your friends are trying to get you to lead them, but take care. They may be trying to get you to take responsibility for a mistake they're bound and determined to make. Be strong to steer them in the right direction.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Somebody in your life may be very strict. You may think this person is stifling your creativity. Instead of arguing, try to take the coaching. It could help you avoid a mistake you'll be glad you didn't make!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — You may feel like trying something outrageous. You may have friends who are encouraging you to plunge boldly forward. That may not be wise, however. A detail could trip you up. Ask a few more questions before you launch your new endeavor.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Time to look at your savings again. Do you have any? Are your investments producing the highest return? A friend's crazy scheme won't work, so don't do anything foolish. Stick with something that worked before, instead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Your partnerships and other relationships are in flux. Expect people to be in the mood to argue. You're taking on new responsibilities and growing. You're testing the limits, and so is everybody else. Don't take any of it too seriously.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You may want to travel, but you're stuck. The job's difficult, and it's not getting easier. Relationships will go well for the next several weeks, but tonight it may be hard to make a connection. Relax. Don't push against the tide.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You and your sweetheart or a child could argue about money. Don't decide you won't be able to achieve your dreams. Instead, see if the two of you can figure out a way to bring in whatever you need. Set goals, instead of limits.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Even though everybody's talking, nobody's speaking for you. You're going to have to do that for yourself. Pay attention. Don't allow your point of view to be overlooked. This won't be easy, but it's important. Be rude, if necessary. They can't take it.

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Hillel brings jewish culture to GSU

By Julie Allen
Staff Writer

On such a diverse campus like GSU's, it is difficult for some groups to keep up with their culture and heritage. GSU offers many clubs and organizations to its students, and now there is one for those of the Jewish community.

GSU recently established a student organization for the Jewish students on campus called Hillel. The Jewish Student Union is free to the Jewish community, funded by the Atlanta Jewish Federation and the Savannah Jewish Alliance.

The organization makes it easy for Jewish students to keep up with their religion. Instead of traveling to Savannah to the nearest synagogue Hillel holds services every Friday in the Russell Union. According to Janna Frankel, president of Hillel for the past two years, the members do a lot more than just take part in religious services.

"People tend to shy away from groups because they are afraid that all they do is sit around and preach. That is definitely not the case with us," Frankel said. "Mostly we just get together and have a good time. We are just a

make it home to be with their families, creating a sense of togetherness for Jewish students.

The group of students take a yearly trip to Charleston, SC to be with other collegiate members of Hillel. The GSU chapter is joined by the Hillel members from other colleges and universities such as Clemson, Georgia State, and Georgia Tech.

Over the summer, a letter was sent out to all the starting Jewish freshmen informing them of Hillel. Even though school

has started, it is not too late to join. Anyone on campus can join and gain not only pride in their religion, but a group of friends they can relate to as well.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 29th in the Russell Union. If any students have any questions, they can contact Janna Frankel or the advisors of Hillel, Dr. Lisa Sherwin and Ms. Paula Solomon.

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Though the group is small in number, it is not accustomed to small time fun. The members get together approximately two or three times a month for an outing. They do various things such as eat out, watch movies, or go skating.

Throughout the year, Hillel has parties to celebrate the Jewish holidays when its members can't

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1. (5) "Doesn't Really Matter," Janet. Def Soul.

2. (1) "Incomplete," Sisqo. Dragon/Def Soul.

3. (2) "Bent," matchbox twenty. Lava. (Gold)

4. (3) "Jumpin, Jumpin," Destiny's Child. Columbia.

5. (8) "I Wanna Know," Joe. Jive.

6. (4) "It's Gonna Be Me," 'N Sync. Jive. (Gold)

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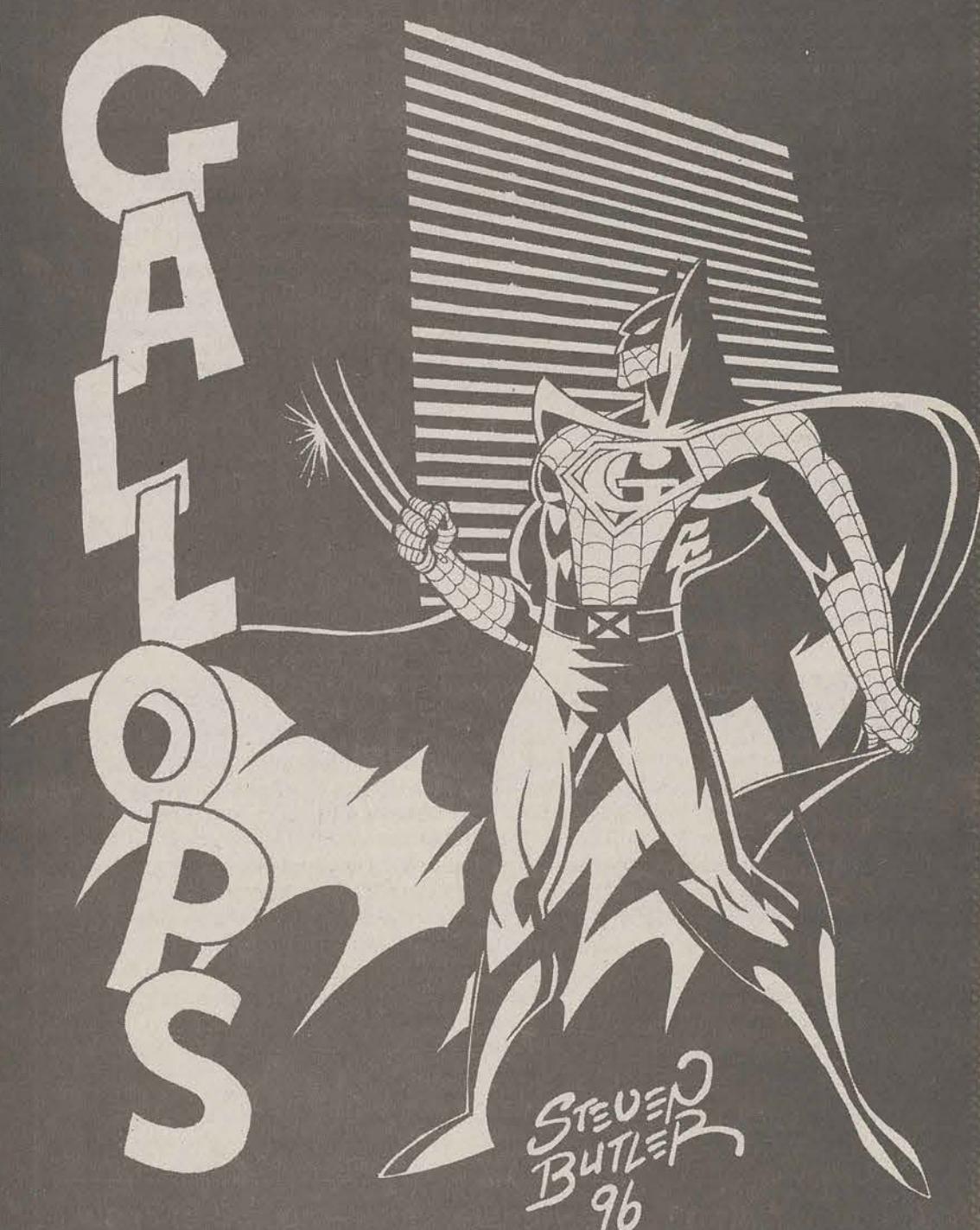
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Mother of six enrolls in college

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MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. — Like many mothers, Cindy DeLaFuente of Newport will soon head to Chapel Hill with the family car packed full of belongings.

But unlike other parents making the journey with their children to the University of North Carolina for the start of the fall semester, DeLaFuente won't be waving goodbye and leaving campus once the boxes are unloaded.

The 40-year-old mother of six graduated from Carteret Community College and will join the student body at UNC as a junior transfer student in the university's School of Education.

While the start of a new semester for many students means settling into a dorm room and roaming the student store for supplies and books, those are only a few of the

tasks DeLaFuente faces as she prepares to balance her duties as a mother and a full-time student.

When she leaves for Chapel Hill she'll be moving herself and three of her children — 8-year-old Isaac, 11-year-old Hannah and 16-year-old Timothy — into UNC's family housing, settling into a new town and working out the final details of their schedules before they all head off for classes.

"This is a big undertaking for me," DeLaFuente said. "I'm 40 years old, half my family is out of high school and on their own, and now I'm packing up and moving with my three school-aged children to Chapel Hill."

DeLaFuente said she has felt a bit overwhelmed at times but she's counting on everything falling into place. After all, she said, that's what has happened so far.

While she had considered entering other universities, DeLaFuente was interested in UNC's middle grades education program, which has opened to junior transfer students. She made that her priority and kept the faith that she'd be accepted and make the move to Chapel Hill possible.

"I applied to the School of Education. I applied to the university. I applied for housing and for financial aid," she said. "I applied for everything at the same time at UNC and didn't apply anywhere else."

"A lot of people said to me 'Don't get your hopes all up because you'll just get disappointed.' I told one person, 'I'm going to go to Chapel Hill and you're going to eat your heart out,'" DeLaFuente said with a laugh. "Then I got accepted into the program. I got accepted into the

contingent upon her academic performance.

Now that she has made her way to UNC, DeLaFuente intends to get her bachelor's degree in education and possibly pursue a master's degree in special education.

"What I'd really like to do, I think, down the line, is teach developmental programs at the community college level and work with literacy programs," she said. "It seems like there are so many people today who can't read and a lot of them are people with special needs."

It's not surprising that she has chosen education as her specialty. The importance of learning has always been stressed in the DeLaFuente household, where the children were often home-schooled.

"She always told us to do the best we could," said DeLaFuente's oldest daughter, Rachel Garner.

"Our education has always been important to her."

While family obligations and other responsibilities put DeLaFuente's own education on hold, it was ultimately the support of her children that got her back to the classroom.

In January of 1998 she enrolled in a Spanish class at Carteret Community College at the encouragement of Garner and her oldest son, 21-year-old Joshua, who were both attending the college at the time. One class led to another.

"Next they had talked me into an English class, then a music class and a study class, and soon I had a full load," she said.

DeLaFuente's children pushed her to continue.

"I think they knew how much I wanted to do it, and that motivated me," said DeLaFuente, who maintained a 3.52 grade point average while taking courses in the college's Associate of Arts degree program. "They drug me along for the first semester, and then after being there for a while I knew the college was where I had to be."

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university. And about a month ago I got into housing. Everything just kind of fell into place."

Family housing was particularly important.

East Carolina University in Greenville and UNC-Wilmington are closer to home, but the thought of a long commute each day wasn't appealing to a mother who wants to be sure she has time for both her schoolwork and family.

"I didn't want to do that two-hour commute back and forth every day," DeLaFuente said. "I'm hoping that without all the travel time I'll be able to spend more time with my children and make sure they get their homework done and have all the things that they need."

Being able to take care of her family has also meant finding the money to cover expenses for home and school.

DeLaFuente said she is fortunate to have received financial aid as well as help from the Sunshine Lady Foundation, which has awarded her a \$5,000 scholarship for her first semester that could grow into a \$20,000 award over a two-year period.

Prisoners who misbehave will have privileges cut

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Prisoners who misbehave will receive fewer showers, cigarettes, television time and exercise sessions under tougher new rules being instituted by the North Carolina Department of Correction.

The state's 76 prisons have long penalized misbehaving inmates by separating them from the general prison population and cutting back their privileges. The new rules will make life more unpleasant for the roughly 800 troublesome inmates.

Prison officials say the 12-point plan, which took hold Aug. 1, is needed because no-parole laws that took effect in 1994 severely reduced the time the state's 31,000 inmates can cut from sentences with good behavior.

"We have more violent inmates who are here for longer periods of time," said department spokeswoman Tracy Little. "We have inmates who have fewer incentives to good behavior."

The new rules come amid growing efforts nationwide to use austere living arrangements to punish and control the most troublesome inmates. And advocates for prisoners are concerned.

"We will look at this very carefully and try to see if there are areas where we think they've gone too far," said James Carter, a lawyer with N.C. Prisoner Legal Services, a Raleigh-based nonprofit agency that helps protect inmates' legal rights.

The plan affects only inmates placed on the department's three levels of punishment: intensive control, maximum control and high-security maximum control. The levels apply to inmates who repeatedly break prison rules, threaten violence, commit assaults or are identified as gang leaders.

Most of the time, those prisoners are placed in separate unit and often in cells by themselves, Little said. Now, the rules will be stiffer:

-No television privileges. In some prisons, they used to be able to watch TV in the dayrooms.

-Canteen visits reduced from once a day to none.

-Visitation reduced from once a week to twice every 30 days.

-No more tobacco products during recreation times.

-Haircuts every 30 days, where it used to vary from prison to prison.

-Exercise privileges reduced from an hour a day outside to four times a week, including two days outside and two inside.

-Showers reduced from one a day to four each week, with

medical exceptions permitted.

Prison officials wanted to eliminate magazine subscriptions, but the N.C. chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union objected and the rule was dropped.

Before North Carolina's new laws took effect in 1994, an inmate's sentence was cut as soon as he or she showed up in prison, Little said. With good behavior and by working a job, an inmate under the old system could cut a 15-year sentence to a 4 1/2-year stay in prison.

New laws, called structured sentencing, eliminated parole and instituted longer prison stays for violent offenders. Now an inmate can earn only small amounts of time off for good behavior and must serve a minimum sentence regardless of behavior.

Prison statistics show inmate misbehavior has risen since the new laws took hold. Assaults on prison staff by prisoners using weapons rose 52 percent between 1995 and 1998.

Two years ago, North Carolina opened a so-called supermax prison for the worst of its problem inmates. The \$8 million facility, on the grounds of Polk Youth Institution about 15 miles northeast of Durham, locks inmates away in solitary confinement in 8-by-10-foot concrete cells.

When is a petting zoo not a petting zoo?

Associated Press

HORSEHEADS, N.Y. — When a camel and goat each bite a child and health officials quarantine the critters to check for rabies.

A traveling petting zoo called The Zoo set up shop in a supermarket parking lot in this Chemung County town 70 miles southwest of Syracuse only to have the big dromedary and the goat bite a kid.

In response, the county Health Department put the offending animals in quarantine for 10 days and warned residents to be wary of wild animals.

"We're not trying to send up the panic flag at this time," said Joseph Egnaczak, Rabies Program Coordinator at the Chemung County Health Department.

Animals in petting zoos might

not be vaccinated for rabies, and the public should avoid contact with the animals, Egnaczak said.

Pat Engesser, one of The Zoo's owners, said that she has more than 30 animals and they are free of rabies. Neither the camel nor the goat had been vaccinated, she said, because there is no approved vaccine for the animals. A veterinarian was to vaccinate them anyway over the weekend.

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Dear Student:

As the Medical Director at Georgia Southern University Health Services, I am writing to inform you about meningococcal disease, a potentially fatal bacterial infection commonly referred to as meningitis, and a new recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

On October 20, 1999, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend that college students, particularly freshmen living in residence halls, be educated about meningitis and the benefits of vaccination. The panel based its recommendation on recent studies showing that college students, particularly freshmen living in residence halls, have a sixfold increased risk for meningitis. The recommendation further states that information about the disease and vaccination is appropriate for other undergraduate students who also wish to reduce their risk for the disease.

Meningitis is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, meningitis can lead to swelling of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal column as well as severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation, and even death.

Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age (the age of most college students) have more than doubled since 1991. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives. Between 100 and 125 meningitis cases occur on college campuses and as many as 15 students will die from the disease.

A vaccine is available that protects against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States: types A, C, Y and W-135. These types account for nearly two thirds of meningitis cases among college students.

I encourage you to learn more about meningitis and the vaccine. For more information, please feel free to contact us at:

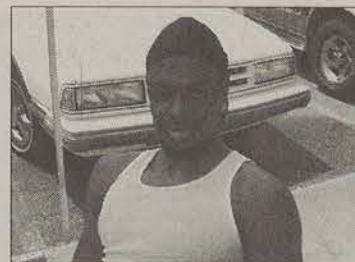
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Waiting in line for GSU-UGA tickets: Was it worth braving the elements?

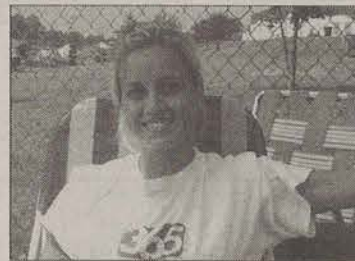


"It is worth it, for a lot of reasons. The game's on my birthday. I think we're going to win."

J.B. Hall

"It's worth it, of course it is."

Jessi Jenkins



"I'm tired and it's hot. But it's worth it."

Mandy Newsome

"We look, feel, and smell like ass."

Brian Mathis

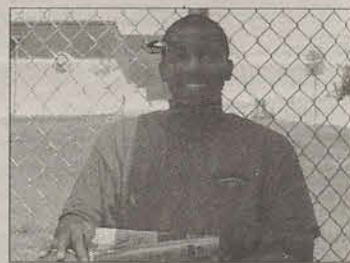


"This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever done."

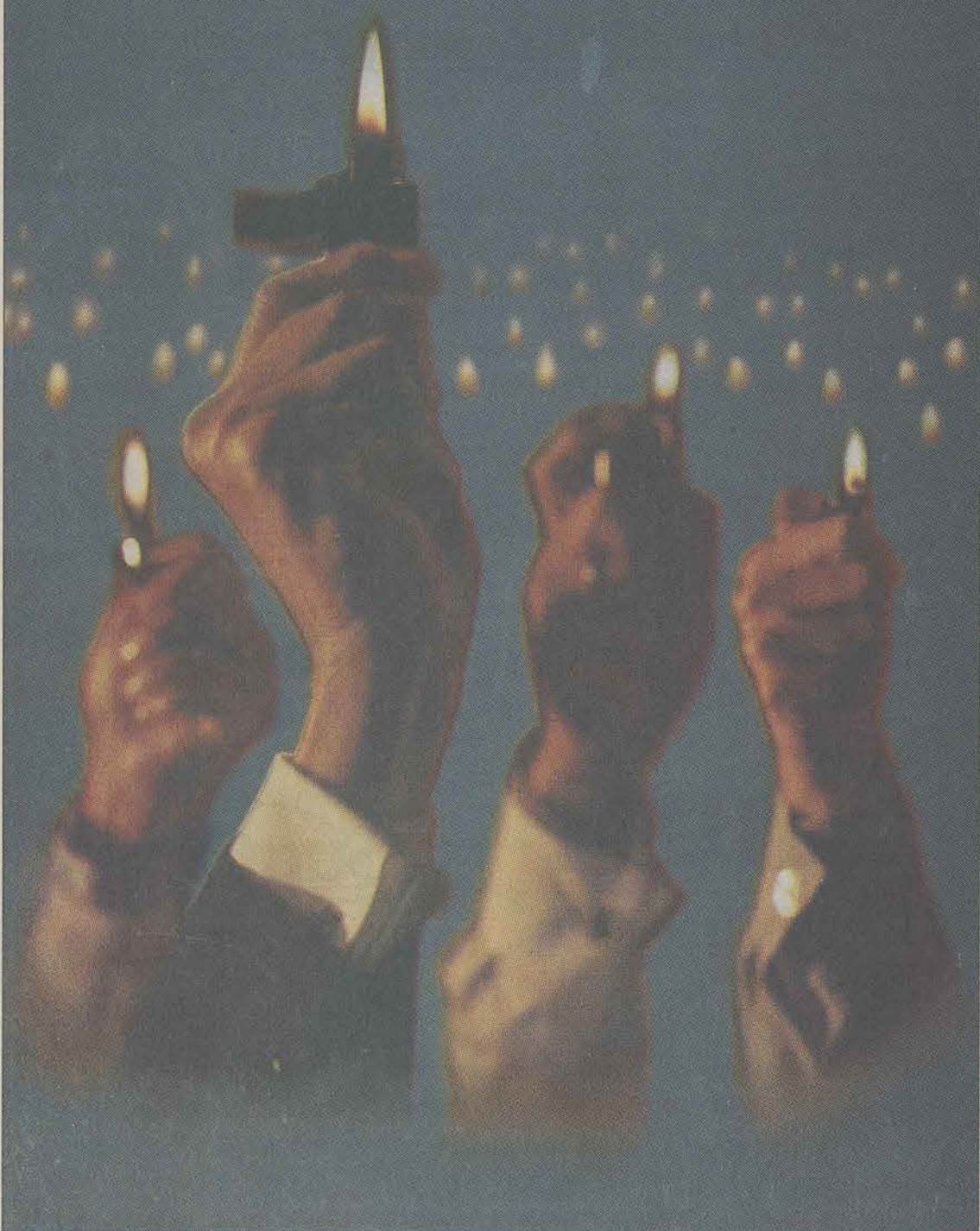
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